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## German Program Faces Funding Cuts

BY RICK KURKER '09  
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With the retirement of Laurent Gousie, Ph.D., professor of German in the Department of Modern Languages, only one full-time German professor

CAMPUS NEWS | will remain at Providence College, thereby greatly reducing the German program at the College.

Despite rumors of the complete elimination of the German program, Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., president of the College, said that the program will only be facing a reduction in size.

"German language courses have long been among the offerings of the Department of Modern Languages, and the College has no immediate plans to eliminate those courses," said Shanley.

According to Shanley, enrollment in German classes have been low for a long time. Shanley said that there are three tenured professors at the College who can teach German. However, he said that one of the positions was moved to the Spanish division two years ago since this division experienced much greater popularity. Now that Gousie is retiring, Shanley said that only one faculty member remains who teaches German.

Shanley said that many of the German courses are run with enrollments below the minimum class size requirements.

"Over the last 10 years, a total of 39 students are German minors, now averaging about five students per



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Providence College's German program in the Department of Modern Languages will decrease in size this year with the retirement of Laurent Gousie, Ph.D. At this point, there are no plans to hire someone else to take his position.

## Junior Class Celebrates Ring Weekend

BY ALLISON O'CONNOR '10  
NEWS STAFF

This past weekend, on Nov. 6, 7, and 8, the Class of 2010 united in celebration during the variety of activities that were included in Junior Ring Weekend.

CAMPUS NEWS | The events kicked off on Thursday, Nov. 6 with a Mass held at 7:00 p.m. in St. Dominic Chapel.

The celebrant was Reverend Brian J. Shanley, O.P., president of Providence College, along with several members of the Dominican community serving as concelebrants. Students gathered in prayer to partake in Mass and witness the blessing of their rings. Normally the mass is not the most heavily attended event of the weekend, but Jaimie Scambio, Class of 2010 president, said that she was thrilled with the attendance and stated how "great it was to see how many people were there."

In comparison with previous Junior Ring Weekends, the Class of 2010's was



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Juniors at Special Events Night, hosted in Peterson Gymnasium.

unique due to its greater emphasis on the actual ring itself, the message it embodies, and the symbolism of its design, which depicts the class's "lifelong connection to the achievements, people, and experiences that make up the Class of 2010."

The emblem on the rings contains Harkins Hall, St. Dominic Chapel, the PC Friar, the skyline of the city of Providence, the College's motto "Veritas," and an image of the Concannon Fitness Center.

Following the Mass, students gathered in McPhail's for 2010 Nights, where rings were picked up, T-shirts were distributed, ice cream sundaes and refreshments were served, and a slideshow presentation of class photos was displayed. The purchase of a ring was optional, but about half of the juniors bought one.

Festivities continued on Friday Nov. 7 with Special Events Night. In the past the event was typically held at an off-campus location. Scambio attributed the change in tradition to "administrative changes and changes to school policy—we were told to keep Friday night on campus by the administration." As a result, the event was held in Peterson Recreation Center, where doors closed at 9:00 p.m. The

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## LIBRARY RENOVATIONS NOW ON HOLD

BY LAUREN BALLBACK '11  
NEWS STAFF

Providence College's Phillips Memorial Library renovations are currently on hold. The multi-stage project began its initial renovation in 2000. The second stage still has a few months before it will be fully completed.

CAMPUS NEWS | The first stage of renovations, which lasted five years, focused on the main floor of the library. The second stage, aimed at updating the second floor, began the Monday after Commencement 2008.

"You saw that last year—the library was basically a nice library on the main floor, but on the upper floor we had an unattractive library with good technology and some old study carols," said Donald Russell Bailey, Ph.D., director of the Phillips Memorial Library. "That's basically all that was there."

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### BIG BROTHER PROGRAM HOSTING EVENT AT DAVE & BUSTERS

Creating Opportunities that Empower Youth Development (CO-EYD) will be holding a fundraiser for the Big Brother Program next Saturday, Nov. 22. The event will be at Dave & Buster's from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Providence Place Mall.

According to Kenneth Dickerson, '09, a co-founder of the program, the event will feature two speakers: Former Mayor of Providence Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, and positive hip-hop poet James "Mr. Deep Positivity" McBride. Both will discuss their personal experiences with the Big Brother Program.

"The event is basically a Big Brother Recruitment event," said Dickerson. "The invite is extended to the Providence community, especially toward high school students and college students in the area."

The proceeds of the fundraiser will go straight to the Big Brother Program. Big Brother provides mentors for boys in local neighborhoods. Mentors help keep boys in school and away from drugs and violence.

"CO-EYD's mission statement is coaching kids from all types of backgrounds with valuable information, allowing them to make the right decision throughout their journey in life," said Dickerson. "We work hard at creating opportunities to foster their

growth into the future leaders of America, and most importantly, future leaders of their community."

According to Dickerson, CO-EYD was hoping to have the event at a local school.

"You see, there were many schools that wanted our event to be held at their school, especially Times Squared Academy," said Dickerson.

Dickerson said that the schools required CO-EYD to get insurance before having a fundraiser at one of the schools. However, Dave & Buster's did not require CO-EYD to have insurance in order to host the event at the restaurant.

"Working with Dave & Buster's, it has allowed CO-EYD to take a different

course in our project," said Dickerson. "Instead of basically having an event for the kids to participate in, we have decided to change it into a recruitment event."

CO-EYD is hoping to recruit Big Brothers for the betterment of future generations. According to Dickerson, the more Big Brothers there are, the more CO-EYD will be able to influence future generations.

"There are nearly 300 little kids who are waiting to have a big brother," said Dickerson. "Even though we have changed the strategy of our event, the mission has not changed. I have even asked the Balfour Center, who is part of the Multi-Cultural Scholarship Fund, to help us in

keeping relationships with the Big Brother Program."

According to Dickerson, they are interested in supporting and promoting CO-EYD.

"With their experience, they truly understand how much value a role model can play in children's lives who are underprivileged and don't have positive people to look up to," said Dickerson.

—Ted DeNicola '11



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### BMSA ESTABLISHES DARFUR MOVEMENT: SCREENING OF DARFUR DIARIES NEXT EVENT

Emmanuel Jal's visit to the Providence College campus on Oct. 1, 2008, inspired BMSA's last project. It cosponsored the documentary *Darfur Diaries* with Amnesty International on Nov. 12, 2008, at 9:00 p.m. in McPhail's.

"Darfur is one of the causes BMSA is undertaking this year," said Nora Yousif '09, president of BMSA. "Much of it was inspired by Emmanuel Jal's visit to PC."

According to Yousif, BMSA is going to devote the next open mic night in McPhail's to aid in Darfur efforts. She said that all donations made will be given to benefit those displaced by the genocide in Darfur.

"We devoted one of our meetings to discussing the basic facts and reflecting on what is going on [in Darfur, and] how it made us feel, changed our perspective, etc.," said Yousif.

According to Yousif, BMSA also seeks to keep the campus community aware through posters that tell students how they can be involved.

"We want to educate, as well as provide an easy outlet to be proactive and extend aid," said Yousif.

—Ted DeNicola '11

(Left) BMSA has created a Darfur Movement within its organization due to the numerous events dedicated to the war-torn country which it sponsors each year.

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 14-20

14 Fri	15 Sat	16 Sun	17 Mon	18 Tues	19 Wed	20 Thurs
<b>4:30 p.m.</b> Hurricane Katrina: 3 Years Later, Slavin Center, McPhail's  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Women's Basketball vs. Brown, Alumni Hall, Mullaney Gym  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Men's Ice Hockey vs. Maine, Schneider Arena, Providence, R.I.  <b>8:00 p.m.</b> <i>Breaking the Cycle</i> , John Bowab Studio, Smith Center for the Arts	<b>2:00 p.m.</b> Women's Chorus and Orchestra, Smith Center for the Arts, Ryan Concert Hall  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> PC Men's Basketball vs. Northeastern, Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence, R.I.  <b>8:00 p.m.</b> <i>Breaking the Cycle</i> , John Bowab Studio, Smith Center for the Arts	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Kappa Delta Pi Induction Ceremony, Smith Center for the Arts, Ryan Concert Hall and Lobby  <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Best Buddies Officer Training Day, Moore Hall I  <b>2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Breaking the Cycle</i> , John Bowab Studio, Smith Center for the Arts	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Ernst & Young, Slavin Center, Room 117  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Class of 2010 Congress Meeting, Slavin Center, Room 114  <b>6:45 p.m.</b> Portuguese Club Meeting, Slavin Center, G29	<b>3:30 p.m.</b> The Stigmata of St. Francis: Where was Brother Leo?, Moore Hall III  <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Middle Eastern Haffle, Slavin Center, McPhail's	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> St. Albert the Great Lecture - "Religion and the Constitution," Aquinas Hall, Aquinas Lounge  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Panel on Global Food Crisis, Slavin Center, McPhail's	<b>12:15 p.m.</b> Just Lunch: Globalization and Catholic Social Teaching, Slavin Center, McPhail's

### CRIME ALERT

#### Armed Robbery:

Two Providence College students and one University of Rhode Island student were robbed while walking on Douglas Avenue on Nov. 11, 2008, at approximately 12:30 a.m. The assailant approached the students, lifted his sweat shirt, and exposed what appeared to be a black hand gun. He then demanded money and the victims' cell phones. The victims described him as African-American male, five feet nine inches tall, and 180 pounds.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the Providence Police Department (401) 272-3121 or the Office of Safety and Security at (401) 865-2391

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# Bishop Speaks on Catholic-Jewish Relations

BY CONOR FERGUSON '10  
NEWS STAFF

The Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies and the Diocese of Providence sponsored a discussion this past week on Catholic-Jewish relations. Arthur Urbano,

## LECTURE

Ph.D., Department of Theology, opened discussion noting the long and cordial friendship that Providence College has extended to the Jewish community. He then introduced the night's speaker, Bishop Dennis McManus of Georgetown University.

McManus has studied and is actively involved in the relationship between the Vatican and the Jewish community.

McManus began his talk by referencing the recent election of Barack Obama.

"We have transcended racial divides that few thought we could overcome," said McManus. "This is similar to the relationship between Jews and Catholics."

According to McManus, the great strides taken in Catholic-Jewish relations are the work of the late Pope John Paul II. He said that Pope John Paul II was the most important figure in the Catholic-Jewish relationship since St. Peter, the founder of the Catholic Church. However, since the time of the apostles, McManus said, the relationship between the two religions has been left untended.

"The mystery of the Catholic relationship with Jews is in pieces on the floor of the synagogue where the apostles left it," said McManus. "Tonight is possible because of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II's dedicated work. We must make sure things continue in the right direction."

McManus elucidated on the fact that John Paul II had completely redrawn the horizon of the Church's relationships in the modern world. But with the passing of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI has taken seat of the Vatican with a set of new policies.

Pope Benedict XVI has focused his energy into reconnecting Catholicism with the Eastern Orthodox Church. McManus did express frustration with Benedict's change in focus; he merely said that each man wishes to leave his mark in a different way.

After making this distinction between the two popes, McManus heaped praise on the late pontiff. He pointed out the fact that, while John Paul II was Polish, he did not discriminate against Jews nor feel superior to them. His childhood, during which he was friends with Jewish children, fostered within him a deep

respect and understanding of the Jewish faith. He would take his passion and love for Judaism and interject it into his papacy.

Shortly after John Paul II was named pope, he visited the largest synagogue in Rome and declared that the Church regretted any anti-Semitism no matter what the source. McManus said John Paul II was apologizing for actions of past popes against the Jewish community.

Prominent members of the Church lashed out against the apology, declaring that the Vatican had been humiliated. Pope John Paul II responded that, contrarily, the Church had been purified.

"He connected first and looked at

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Bishop Dennis McManus,  
Georgetown University



GRAPHIC BY MATT LONGOBARDI '10

problems second," said McManus. "He was always going on to the next thing at hand. The problem with this is if you don't give the institutional Church a chance to digest it, it is forgotten."

McManus believes Pope Benedict, on the other hand, has a better grasp on the slow-moving nature of the Church. Benedict never moves ahead until something is firmly in place.

"Benedict understands institutionalization and preservation of change," said McManus.

According to McManus, Benedict's German mind looks for precision while John Paul's Polish mind looked at the romantic, big picture. McManus attests, while John Paul II was a philosopher, Benedict is a theologian.

McManus expanded on this distinction by pointing out that while John Paul II loved and connected with the people, Benedict has a scholarly devotion to music, art, and aesthetics.

"I think Benedict will build on what John Paul II gave us," said McManus. "John Paul left us with the ability to

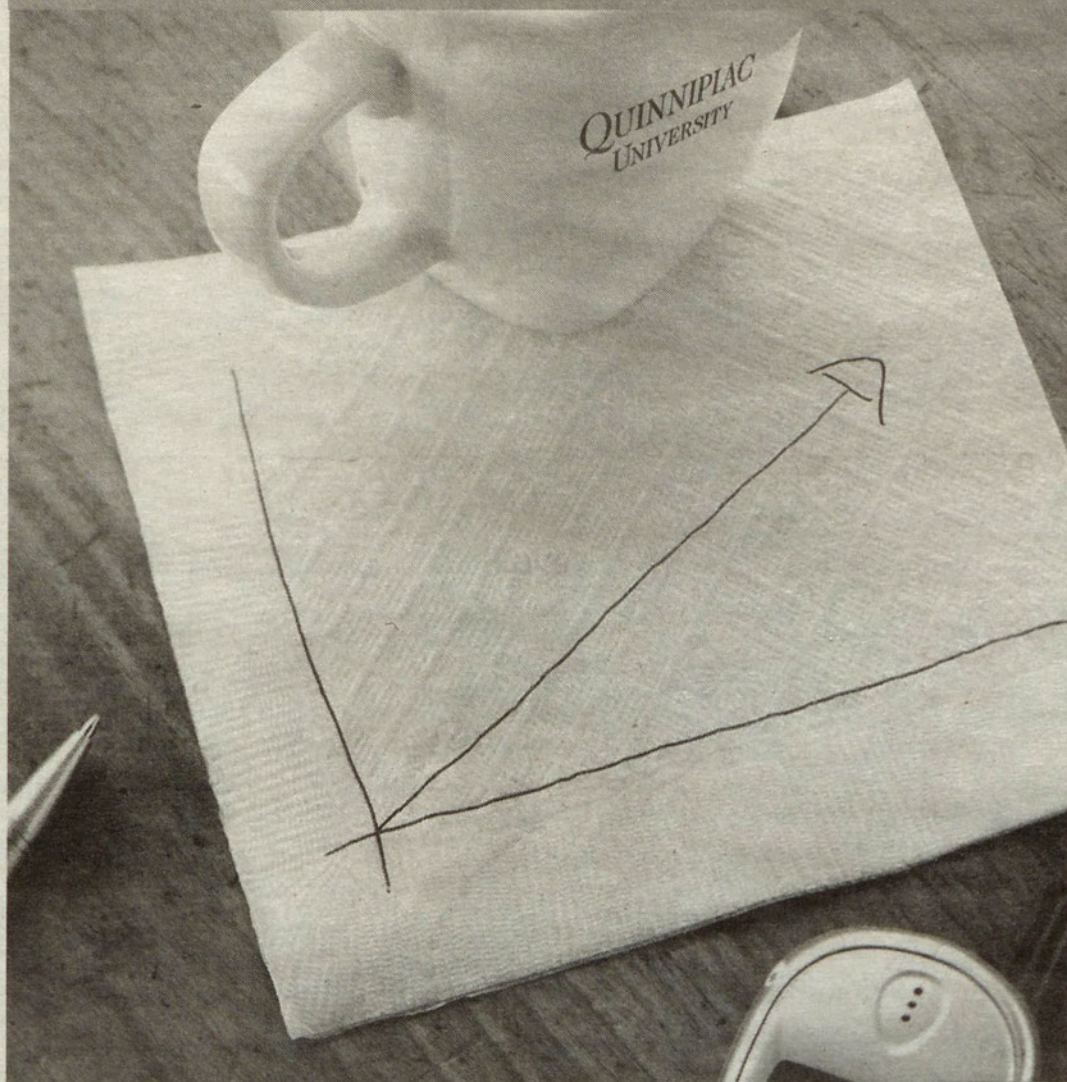
speak and understand the Jews on Jewish terms."

Benedict XVI has continued the work of John Paul II by calling for a full exchange of religious beliefs through dialogues between the Catholic and Jewish religions. Benedict XVI also recognized that the Jewish community is upset with the idea that many Catholics feel it is their duty to save or convert Jews. He has since declared that it is within God's jurisdiction to declare who is saved and who is damned—men do not have the power to speak of such things.

Another indication of Benedict's respect for the Jewish community was his response to a plea that a Catholic prayer be changed. The prayer, which asked God to save the "wicked" Jews, was revised.

In a similar effort to improve Catholic-Jewish relations Pope Benedict is considering taking Pope Pius XII off the block for canonization consideration. Pope Pius XII allegedly mistreated the Jewish community during World War II.

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# Student Congress Discusses New Legislation

BY DEVIN MURPHY '10  
NEWS EDITOR

The focus of the Student Congress meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11, was the new legislation for proposed clubs and organizations on campus. It will be presented to Congress on Tuesday, Nov. 18, for voting. Congress also discussed legislation in support of Sweat

Free PC's efforts to get the administration to sign the Workers Rights Consortium. In the final order of business Congress approved legislation authorizing the name change of Amigos Unidos to Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS).

Liz Wolf '09, president of Student Congress, introduced the first order of business, the proposed legislation for new clubs and organizations, to Congress.

"We're making changes that are going to be in our standing legislation for this year," said Wolf. "Clubs and Orgs Committee is going to be basically redoing the way a group becomes a club, and what happens when they actually become a club. . . and then what happens with allocations."

Sean Jones '10 presented the new rules and regulations for proposed clubs to be awarded club status.

"Last week we created a new appli-

cation for proposed clubs to pick up," said Jones.

The application must be filled out detailing the mission statement of the club, the name of the proposed club, the information for the person submitting the application for the proposed club, the information for the moderator of the proposed club, and the information from the president, secretary, and treasurer of the proposed club. The application then must be approved by the Clubs and Organizations Committee of Student Congress and then by the Office of Student Affairs.

The old application that groups formerly had to fill out in order to be awarded club status was a packet.

"This is far more user-friendly and easier to complete," said Jones.

The new legislation, if passed, will amend the rights proposed clubs will have. New clubs will have the right to advertise using the kiosks around campus, PC TV, and they will have the right to solicit membership at the involvement fair. They will also have the right to use Providence College in their names.

"This was the most contested right," said Jones.

Ultimately it was decided that new clubs should have the right to use the Providence College name in their titles to show that they are affiliated with the College.

Proposed clubs will not have the right to reserve space for meetings. If a proposed club would like to host an event then it will be able to reserve space through the Clubs and Organizations Committee of Student Congress.

"Not reserving space was something I was adamant about," said Jones.

He did not want space to be taken away from existing clubs and organizations.

New clubs will be required to hold at least two meetings per month and submit minutes from those meetings to Student Congress so their progress can be monitored and attendance gauged. They will also have to wait three semesters before they can be considered an official club.

The new system for proposed clubs will also require inactive clubs to go through this new process, and will include a dissolution clause.

"Under the old system there was no way to dissolve a club," said Jones. "Under the new system there will be a dissolution clause."

Wolf added that this type of legislation is common.

"A lot of other schools use a system very similar to this," said Wolf.

Future plans also include using a tiered system for proposed and fledgling clubs.

After Congress ended discussion of the proposed legislation it moved to

discussion and then voting on Amigos Unidos' name change to Organization of Latin American Students.

After a brief discussion Congress passed the name change.

As a final order of business Congress discussed legislation in support of Sweat Free PC. It passed legislation last year in support of the organization, which is devoted to ensuring that items sold in the book store were not manufactured using sweat shop labor.

Sweat Free PC is attempting to get the administration to sign the Workers Rights Consortium, which will ensure that the goods being sold on campus were not made in sweat shops. The book store is currently signed up with the Fair Labor Association. The FLA does monitor manufacturers to prevent sweat shop labor from being used to produce goods. According to Tim O'Mara '11, the FLA conducts announced inspections rather than random inspections, as does WRC. He said that other colleges and universities which have Barnes & Noble Bookstores do use WRC.

"We're not saying that the book store sells things made with sweat shop labor," said Christine Halkett '09. "This just guarantees that they don't."

Two friendly amendments were made to the legislation regarding word choice and grammar.

## LIBRARY: Construction to Resume Winter Break

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This summer's construction focused on fixing that problem. The project began on schedule in May, with the goal of completion before the fall semester. This deadline was not met, as students observed upon arriving to campus in September.

"Many of the manufacturers and engineers required additional time to complete the specifics of design, manufacture and installation than originally hoped," said Bailey. "The renovation team emphasized quality and security over quicker completion, and, as a result, the project took a bit longer. We feel that the results are all-in-all better for students, other patrons, and the College, than if we had hurried the project."

When students arrived back, the central part of the second floor was blocked off, and construction persisted into October. At that time faculty and student concern for noise and debris put a moratorium on the work.

"Beginning around the time of semester mid-terms and based on communication from student and faculty, we decided that the disturbances of the renovation construction were too dire, and decided to delay the remainder of the carpeting and resume during break, when the work would not disturb our patrons."

"At first I was like, why is there a giant wall right here? Why is there a lot of noise here?" said Alex Harpin '12. "I thought a library was supposed to be a quiet place, but after a while I got used to it. It wasn't so bad, and now it's better."

Currently all areas of the library are open to students. The second phase of the construction is complete, with the exception of the installation of the remaining carpeting on the second floor. Workers will come in during winter break in order to reduce disturbances and inconvenience the project would have on students and faculty during the semester.

"And what we now have. . . is all new computers, every place in the library and we have probably about a total of 120," said Bailey. "What we try to provide is the very best in technology for our students. The student technology is better than our staff technology. What's in front of the counter is always better than what's behind the counter."



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**Construction on Phillips Memorial Library has stopped temporarily. Thus far improvements include a Mac-lab and moveable stacks.**

The additional computers, including 10 high-end Mac computers, are just a few of the new technological improvements. Before the second phase is complete there will be a reference desk upstairs that will seat nine to 15 students. There are also scanners of all sizes.

The first level of the library also received technological updates. The three group study areas have new computers, and classroom 108 is a presentation rehearsal room. According to Bailey students can practice PowerPoint presentations by using a projection monitor and check out a camera to film their practice session.

The ground floor, which, Bailey refers to as "our ugly floor," now contains computers and is a space where conversation volume is not as limited. This space will be the location of the third and final phase in a few years.

"We currently have numerous brand-new computers and printers, tables and seating for about 50 on the ground floor," said Bailey. "We will put additional resources in the open area very soon. Eventually the basement/lower-level will contain research and conference rooms, some especially related to special and archival collections. There will

also be additional compact shelving for our growing collections, looking out 15-20 years."

The concept of sustainability was one of the design components for the renovations. The compact shelving and the movable shelves were added to a portion of the second floor. In addition to being technologically advanced and safe, the changes provide the library the ability to grow, "creating a library for the next 20 to 30 years" said Bailey.

The new renovations are costly, which is one of the reasons they have been done in stages. The partial completion of the compact shelving on the second floor is due to the high price of the units.

"Renovations and other capital projects cost millions of dollars and must be strategically planned by the College administration and Board of Trustees as part of the budgeting and financing process, often five to 10 years in advance," said Bailey. "Competing needs sometimes change the priorities [including] library renovations, classroom spaces, faculty offices, dormitory spaces."

With the project on hold for now, students are now able to view the new levels. Matt McConnell '12 said he prefers quiet study, which the basement did not provide. Noise was an issue for him when he encountered construction at midnight, and the alternative was the relaxed atmosphere of the basement.

"I think it's [the second floor renovation] nice," said McConnell. "I was hoping for more cubicles. I don't like how there's so many tables, because there are never four people sitting [together] at a table. So they're always people looking for tables."

"We have added seating on the second floor (30 percent more seats), although fewer are individual study carrels—we will have 28 individual study carrels instead of the 40 plus of the old ones," said Bailey. "The new furniture takes much better advantage of the windows and natural lighting for student seating."

The new carrels are expected to arrive by the middle of this week.

"I have one mantra," said Bailey. "[It's] the one thing we look at when we decide to do something in the library. It's the most direct, positive impact on excellence in student-patron services. . . It's our job to tend to you, to help you with your academic informational needs."



# Philanthropy Class Coming Spring 2009

## Class Will Focus on Using Allocated Money from Fidelity Investments to Help the Smith Hill Area of Providence

BY KYLIE LACEY '11  
NEWS STAFF

In May 2008, Fidelity Bank gifted Bill Allen, community faculty professor in the Department of Public and Community Service, a \$15,000 grant to apply toward a Special Topics in Philanthropy course for the spring 2009 semester at Providence College.

The idea for the course originated last semester, in spring of 2008, when Allen originally applied for the grant. When he did not receive it, the class used imaginary money to simulate the workings of a non-profit agency.

"I'm taking the class as an independent study," said Amanda Heinsen '09. "I'm going to be a sort of teacher's assistant with Bill [Allen] and Ray Sickinger."

Heinsen, a PSP minor, took the class last semester and will now be helping students figure out how they wish to spend their funds. The course will also be team taught by Allen and Dr. Ray Sickinger, head of the Department of Public and Community Service.

Each year, Fidelity Bank portions money to various colleges to carry out charitable works. Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., president of Providence College, wrote a letter of endorsement to help the College's chances of being chosen as a recipient of the money. PC was selected for its idea to set up a class to run as a non-profit organization. The class is required to spend at least half

of the money it is allotted, but is allowed to save some funds for next year's class to get started.

The area that last year's students chose to focus on, and that this year's students will focus on is the Smith Hill Community. The three areas of special interest include affordable housing, health care, and after school programs. This year's class will operate as the board of directors, allocating the grant money to different areas in the community.

The structure in the class will mirror the operations of a real non-profit organization. Students in the course will be split into three separate committees—marketing, needs, and operations. Marketing students will be responsible for getting the word out to Smith Hill organizations that money is available. They will also hold events on campus to unite Smith Hill and PC. The needs committee will figure out where the money is best needed in the community. Operations will be responsible for the logistical elements, such as the applications to be filled out in order to request funds.

According to Heinsen, one particular area in Smith Hill that desperately needs aid is the library. "I'm not sure of the exact number, but the Smith Hill Library only has about \$300 left in their budget to purchase books for the rest of the year," she said. Samantha Landry '11 volunteered at the library as part of her PSP 101 course. "I helped kids with their homework," she said. "The library gave these kids somewhere to go and

something to do."

According to Landry, the small budget of the library was palpable.

"This woman who worked as the activities director was totally sweet," she said. "And they were thinking of cutting her position."

The state has been investing funds in improving the downtown area of Providence, according to Heinsen. However, she insists this has been done at the expense of areas such as Smith Hill.

"So much money has been dedicated to making downtown look nice, but the areas that need attention haven't been getting it," she said.

Other companies in the area, such as the Providence Journal Factory, local doctors' offices, and the Coca Cola Factory, have histories of giving back to the community. According to Heinsen, they have the capability to bring communities together. She insists that bringing the people of Smith Hill together is just as important as donating money. Heinsen hopes the class has staying power at PC.

"I want this class to become a legacy at PC," she said. "It's not common [that] students at any school get to take over a class, and make a real difference—to make a change, make things better."

Heinsen says she hopes this course becomes a staple of the PSP department. In addition, she thinks it will be a way for different departments to interact.

"We have lots of ideas for hooking other departments at PC together," she said. "We'd love to bring in one of the

professors from the finance department, for example, to talk about loans, personal finances, preventing foreclosure. . . things that relate to operating a non-profit agency."

Heinsen also sees the course's non-exclusive nature as a plus.

"The course is open to anyone, not just PSP majors or minors," she said. "Students can take what they're learning in other courses, like theology or sociology, and apply it to this class."

She also pointed to the comforting nature of the PSP department.

"I love working with the PSP department," she said. "It's so homey, and the professors really care about the students. I got to attend meetings and help plan the budget for the course. I think its great how involved PSP lets students be."

Heinsen also endorsed the professors, who, according to her, are among the best at PC.

"I could go on all day about Bill Allen," she said. "He's not even a full-time professor at PC— He teaches at Brown and BC as well— yet he cares so much about our school. He cares about this program so much."

According to Heinsen, the support of Sickinger means a lot to the course. Heinsen believes he thinks the course in one worth investing in, as evidenced by Sickinger's commitment to the class.

Special Topics: Philanthropy will meet next semester on Tuesdays and Thursday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Fifteen students will be allowed to take the course.

"I have friends who tell me that they really want to take the course but don't think they can fit it into their schedules," said Heinsen. "I had to tell them that the class is a huge time commitment. There are lots of meetings and events outside of class. However, it's truly worth it. This class is a once in a lifetime chance at PC to establish real change in a surrounding community."

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# Trendstars Showing New Designs at Fashion Show

BY VALERIE FREDON '12  
NEWS STAFF

Kenneth Chabert '10, chief executive officer and creator of Trendstars, will be hosting a fashion show on Friday, Nov. 14, in '64 Hall featuring new original designs. Trendstars is a company created and maintained by Providence College students.

The company's most popular design features the phrase, "I love setting trends," which is exactly what the brand has done over the past two years.

Chabert explained that his interest in fashion began years ago, but it was not until 2007 when he and fellow classmate Henry Doernberg '10 turned their interest into a viable company.

"The two of us lived in the same dorm during freshman year, and I had seen some of his artwork," said Chabert. "One day during the summer it just clicked. I called and told him that I had a lot of ideas, but I was lacking a designer. We thought we could have a good partnership and get a clothing company off the ground, even if it was [just] selling some t-shirts around campus."

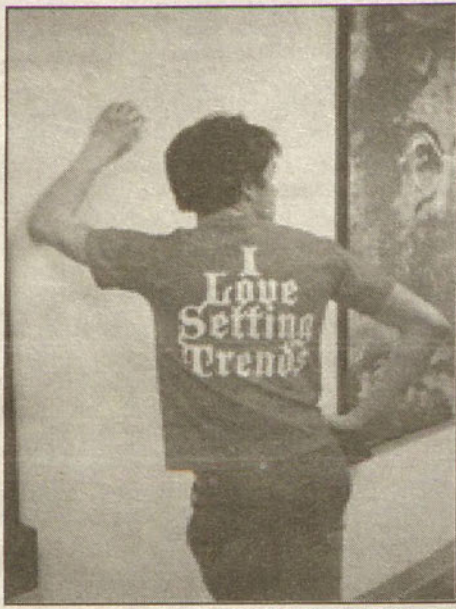
The two collaborated quickly. "[Chabert] had a preconceived notion of the kind of clothing the company would make, so we talked about the type of designs he would want me to come up with and the look we were going for," said Doernberg.

Their original intent was to create a look that differed from the norm.

"You will see many brands produce the same pieces with just a different label across the front," said Chabert. "I think when Henry [Doernberg] and I got together we already had this idea of being unique and creative. Our focus was catering to everyone."

Trendstars' target audience thus far has been the "skateboarder, preppy type," or "people who are into urban-style fashion." They are continuously working toward appealing to a broader spectrum.

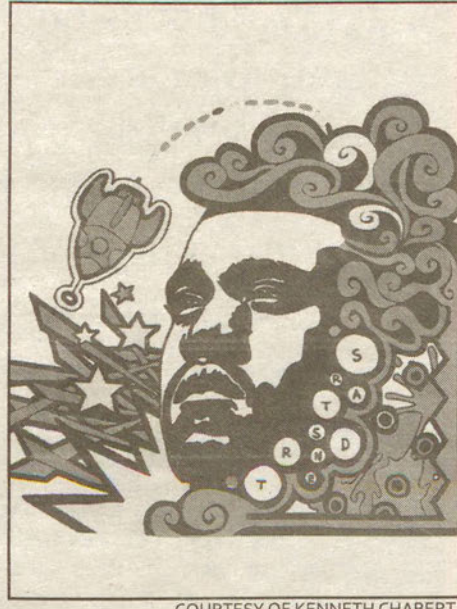
As part of their quest toward becoming a diverse clothing line, the Trendstars team has grown to include designers of all different styles, including Jackie Duncan '10 and Dan Nieto '11.



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Above are designs from Trendstars line of t-shirts. Left: A Trendstars' t-shirt with the company's logo. Middle: A design developed in spring 2008. Right: A design featuring Kanye West.

"Jackie is more of the girl designer," said Chabert. "Her shirts are more calm and sophisticated. Then Dan does the hippy-style, really out there and psychedelic [designs]. His style is really unique, it is very beneficial to the team. Each of our designers represents a different demographic, so basically you have this clothing line with six different demographics built into it. This enables people to find a style that they like and to mix and match various pieces of apparel."

Trendstars is currently developing a Web site to bring its designs to a broader market.

"Once the Web site is complete, I want people to feel comfortable," said Chabert. "I want them to recognize models that look like them and be able to associate at least one shirt with their style. That is our main goal as the team."

The Web site will include a forum where customers can upload their own creations. After being voted on by fellow customers, the winning design will be manufactured and a portion of the sales will be given to the designer.

The only problem the company faces right now is that it lacks disposable income to put toward marketing and advertising.

"You make t-shirts, you sell them, and all the money you get for that goes into making new shirts," said Doernberg.

This problem, however, may come to an end as the Trendstars will soon be signing with Mojo Inc. a printing company based in California.

"They deal with all the checkouts on the Web site and all the manufacturing, which allows us to focus on our talents, such as finding out what people want and designing the shirts," said Andrew Charles Potter Kelley '10, who works as the legal advisor for Trendstars.

While shirts and sweatshirts are sold for \$10 and \$25 on the PC campus, there will be an estimated \$10 markup in price once the company signs with Mojo. This also means less profit for the corporation itself.

"When the drop-shipper is selling they take a large chunk of what the profit margin could be because they are dealing with all the expenses and liabilities," said Kelley.

The group is confident in their products partly due to the reaction they have received from consumers on campus so far.

"People love Trendstars," said Chabert. "I think that once we

become legitimate, as far as being able to ship shirts, our profits will definitely go up last year we produced 50 shirts and we sold out in about two weeks."

Doernberg explained that one of the keys to the success of the company is the incorporation of popular culture.

"[Chabert] had an idea about making a Kanye West shirt last year around the time that his album came out," said Doernberg. "Since there was a lot of hype surrounding it, we knew that it would be a good time to put him on a shirt."

They hope to come out with a unique Barack Obama t-shirt as well.

Chabert has no intention of abandoning Trendstars after college.

"This is the real deal," said Chabert. "I want to be in the position by senior year where we already know where we are going."

In the meantime, the group is focusing on making themselves known on the PC campus.

"The fashion show is a big deal to us because it will introduce the team as a whole," said Chabert. "A lot of people don't know the team in its entirety."

Apparel will be available for purchase at Friday's fashion show.

## JRW: Juniors Have High Turnout at Weekend

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highlight of the night included a musical performance by rapper Talib Kweli, well known for his 2002 hit single "Get By."

Kweli left the stage at one point during his performance because some students were throwing empty water bottles on stage. He later returned to finish his performance.

The following morning, students attended a brunch provided in Peterson from 10:00 a.m. until noon that was sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts. Students could help themselves to a wide assortment of fresh fruit, bagels, donuts, muffins, coffee, and juices before heading back to their dorms to get decked out in proper attire for Saturday's Formal Night event.

In accordance with tradition, the location of Saturday's Formal Night event was kept secret from the class, and the only instructions provided were to arrive at Peterson Recreation Center by 4:45 p.m. From there, students boarded school buses that carried them to the Formal Night location, the Lantana Function Facility, in Randolph, Mass.

"I liked Formal Night better than Club Night, and I wish club night hadn't been in Peterson," said Jessica Crawford '10.

At Lanata's, students enjoyed a formal sit-down dinner, followed by a night of fun and dancing to music played by the live band Downtown Fever.

"The band was great," said Jessica



JOHN VAGHI '10/The Cowl

Formal Night was held at The Lantana Function Facility. Students danced to live music performed by Downtown Fever.

Pepin '10 "It was a change from other dances, and it really got people out of their seats to dance."

"Being out there on Saturday night, the last night of the entire Junior Ring Weekend, was the embodiment of what it was all about," said Scambio. "Everyone was dancing and having a great time. It was nice to see our class in a formal night setting," said Scambio.

"JRW met and exceeded by expectations and I thought all the planning put into it really made it worthwhile," said Kevin Higgins '10.

Planning for the event had been ongoing for over a year, since the members of the core planning committee were selected at the end of last September. The Junior Ring Weekend Core was made up of 14 members, including the 2010 class

president and class treasurer. Each person on the Core had his or her own designated aspect of the event that he or she was responsible to plan. Membership roles included those such as Formal Night chair, special events chair, brunch chair, publicity chair, Mass chair, ring chair, business administrator, JRW Core chair, and Ring Premiere chair. Working together with the PC administration and the SAIL Office, these students dedicated themselves to all of the intricate behind-the-scenes aspects.

"There are so many different aspects to plan for that people don't realize such as the color of napkins used to printing the programs for the Mass. I'm literally shocked at the way all 14 of us were able to come together and build a family," said Scambio of the Core members and their hard work.

A huge portion of the Junior Class took part in the events, as roughly 498 bids were sold and approximately 1,000 people attended. Funding for the event came from the \$125,000- \$130,000 raised, the majority of which was obtained from the purchase of bids by students at the cost of \$85 per person.

"I am happy for the support our class showed," said Scambio. "There is nothing more gratifying than working on something all year and then seeing everyone have a great time."



# Students Bid on Meals With Professors

BY RICK KURKER '09  
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The NOLA (New Orleans, La.) Immersion Team held a dinner auction fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in McPhail's. Students

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were able to bid on meals with professors and administrators at Providence College, and all profits went toward funding the group's service trip to New Orleans in Jan. 2009.

Jenn Heinemann '09, member of NOLA, said that the group has been planning the trip since the end of last semester, with guidance from campus minister Meghan Griffiths.

"We're very nervous because we're setting the precedent for future NOLA trips, but we're also very excited," said Heinemann.

According to Heinemann, the program has been primarily student-run.

"We've all had a lot of responsibility," said Heinemann. "The students made all of the executive decisions."

Lindsay Kennedy '09, another NOLA member, said that the event served as the group's main fundraiser so that the group of 13 students could go to New Orleans in January 2009 to help rebuild the city after Hurricane Katrina. According to Kennedy, it will cost about \$600 for each student, and with 13 students, the cost would be about \$7800 in total.

"This is our big event for fundraising," said Kennedy. "We are also doing a postcard campaign, but this auction is our main fundraiser."

Lily Lueck '11 said that the group's postcard campaign will involve sending out letters to family members, with the intent to raise some more money for the trip.

In addition to bidding on the dinners, students could also purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or three for \$5. Among the items that were raffled off was a book of faces and post-Katrina narrations from people who lived in New Orleans or volunteered there after the hurricane, according to Heinemann. There were also gift certifi-



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Students in McPhail's bidding on meals with their favorite faculty and administration members. The bidding started at \$10.

cates to Andrea's, LaSalle Pizza, Panera Bread, and Squire's Salon.

In addition, there was a cross on the raffle table that Lueck said was recovered from a house marked with an "X" after Katrina. According to Lueck, the National Guard passed through the area and marked off houses based on such factors as number of bodies found inside and floodwater toxicity.

"A lot of the houses are now painted over," she said.

Heinemann said that the cause is especially important for Griffiths, who used to live in New Orleans and has started a non-profit organization in the post-Katrina years.

"Meg [Griffiths] used to be a tour guide in New Orleans," said Heinemann. "It will be really helpful when we go there because she will be educating the group."

As for the raffle itself, NOLA members had asked 36 professors and

administrators at PC from a wide variety of departments to participate by offering a meal for a given number of students to bid on. Teachers were invited but not required to attend the auction, according to Heinemann.

Dr. Jay Pike, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, said that he decided to participate primarily for NOLA's cause.

"First and foremost, I wanted to help those students compelled to dedicate their time to help neighborhoods destroyed by Katrina," said Pike. "Second, I thought this would be a golden opportunity for more social participation to show a 'real' side of me as their professor and not just somebody that lectures to them and forces them to learn difficult material."

Dr. Christopher Arroyo, assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy, said that he was asked to participate by one of his students,

agreeing to take three students out for a sushi dinner for the auction.

"I think service and service learning are essential parts of a complete college education," said Arroyo. "I have been involved with service programs at other schools, and I want to continue to do so here."

Dr. Carol Crafts, associate dean and associate professor in the Department of Biology, said that after being approached by Brett Beaulieu '10, a member of NOLA, she offered to host up to six students at her house in Jamestown. The winning bidders will be able to join Crafts, her husband Dr. Richard Murphy, assistant professor in the Department of English, and their two dogs Maggie and Tess for a walk on the beach, an island sunset, and dinner in front of the fireplace.

"Not only did the project seem like a good idea, my husband and I always enjoy seeing students outside of the classroom and the College," said Crafts.

The dinners, auctioned off alphabetically by the host faculty members' last names, began at \$10. Winners had to pay in cash or check in full once their final winning bid was confirmed. Michelle Palermino '09 introduced the event, noting that the set dates for the New Orleans trip are Jan. 10 through Jan. 17, 2009. Then, members of the Rejects on the Rise comedy group began to take bids.

During the intermission, the raffle prizes were awarded. Lauren Femminello '09 won \$41 in the raffle but decided to donate the money to NOLA.

"It's a good cause and I wanted to support them," said Femminello.

Zach Odachowski '11 won dinner with Rev. Brian Shanley, O.P., and Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P.

"I thought it would be really interesting to hear his ideas on how things are going at this school and maybe sneak in a few ideas," said Odachowski. "I just thought it would be nice to get to know the guy who runs our school."

By the end of the night, the highest bid was \$65 per bidder for one dinner, and a total of \$2,500 was raised for NOLA's trip.

# Students Show Support at "Everybody Has a Story"

BY SARA BETH LABANARA '11  
NEWS STAFF

In order to recognize the prevalence of cancer and to comfort those affected by the disease, Colleges Against Cancer hosted an event on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, in lower Slavin Center at 7:30 p.m. The event, "Everybody has a Story," was an intimate gathering of Providence College students and faculty members who were willing to share their stories about cancer, or just listen and comfort others. Differently from past years, Colleges Against Cancer envisioned this year's event to be a smaller gathering in order to facilitate more conversation among participants. The gathering began with some words from Katie Jensen '10.

"Since cancer's so prevalent I think everyone has something that they can share about how cancer has impacted them," said Jensen.

Jensen opened the discussion by sharing her own story about her family's experiences with cancer. She began by describing her grandmother who died of cancer. According to Jensen, her grandmother always had the best interests of others in mind. She said her grandmother was very proud of her grandchildren and was always incredibly happy to be around her family.

She then told the group about her grandfather, whom she described as a second father to her. When Jensen's father was diagnosed with cancer her grandfather was the first person to visit him at the hospital.

"[My grandfather] is such a strong man who came and supported us throughout everything," said Jensen.

Jensen's grandfather is currently



NINA RATZENGER '11/The Cowl

In an intimate setting students gathered to listen and to share their experiences with cancer.

fighting cancer himself and is doing very well.

"I hope to have many more memories with him," said Jensen.

The discussion then moved on to Crissa Morton '10, who shared a story about her grandmother's struggle with ovarian cancer and her mother's fight against breast cancer.

"Cancer has really been a big part of my family, especially recently," said Morton. "When I was seven my grandmother was diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer and she died."

To Morton, her grandmother's death gave her seven-year-old self the perspective that cancer always leads to death. Morton's mother was diagnosed with stage zero breast cancer in Jan. 2008. Morton said that the hardest part about her mother's struggle with cancer was the trips to the radiation centers.

"It was hard going to the radiation office and seeing a bunch of old people around you and knowing that they might be on their last leg, and my mom's only 47 years old; that shouldn't be happening to her," said Morton.

Morton's mother has been cancer-free for over six months.

"She pulled through and is doing great now," said Morton.

Although the next person to share did not have any direct experiences with cancer in her immediate family, a school project allowed her to see firsthand how cancer affects others.

"When I was a senior in high school I volunteered at a hospice for a Christian service class and I visited an elderly man a couple times a week," said Alyssa Sylvaria '10.

Despite his terminal form of cancer, his optimism and positive attitude touched Sylvaria.

"If someone's dying they could just turn in on their problems and not really care about anything else, but he wasn't like that," said Sylvaria.

A similar theme in all of the shared stories was the support offered by others during times of struggling and grieving.

"One of the great things that you hear in just about everyone's story is the support and the people that come around to surround you," said Jensen.

Jensen then noted that sometimes the strongest individuals are those who are fighting cancer, rather than the surrounding family members.

"My dad really picked us up," said Jensen. "To this day I still call him the most selfless person I know. He was going through this terrible illness but he still worried about the rest of us and how it was affecting us."

Jensen then concluded the discussion by noting the importance of events such as this one sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer.

"It's important to know that people are going through the same things, and we can support each other, help each other, and once in awhile it's okay to have a good cry. The support is always what amazes me," said Jensen.

Colleges Against Cancer prides itself on uniting those who have been affected by cancer in order to comfort those in need. Their mission is to recognize how prevalent cancer is as it affects a great amount of individuals in a variety of different ways.

"It's important to get your story out there, even if just one more person hears it; it makes, in my opinion, all of the difference in the world," said Jensen.



# GERMAN: College Being "Prudent" With Allocations

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year," he said. "Total enrollments in German courses over the last two semesters has been 37 in the fall of 2008 and 27 in the spring of 2007—in four and five courses respectively, taught by two professors."

"With one tenured professor remaining, and possibly some help by a special lecturer, we can continue to run German courses and provide for the German minor," he said.

Shanley noted the demand for other language courses and courses outside the Department of Modern Languages, indicating that the College must "expend its faculty resources wisely."

"Continuing two full-time professors who teach German is hard to justify," he said.

Still, Shanley said he believes the College should try to continue offering German classes, with a special emphasis on continuing the German minor.

"I think it is critical that we continue to offer a variety of language courses," said Shanley. "We can't offer all the languages that students may want, but the now-forming AICU Rhode Island language consortium may be a solution."

According to Shanley, there are no specific plans or proposals from the Department of Modern Languages to expand faculty hiring for courses that are not offered frequently. Shanley said that Arabic is the newest option in the School of Continuing Education.

As for retiring professor Gousie, his experience at PC has been a positive one.

"It is very difficult to encapsulate many of the experiences as the fruit of 49 years of teaching, administrative positions, and an additional four years of undergraduate study at Providence College," said Gousie. "Excluding my years on active duty in the Army, one could say that I have spent all of my adult life at the College. Serving on just about every committee of the College was a tremendous adventure. I have been involved in much of the

College's history."

Gousie said that PC made it possible for him to, in addition to his academic career, simultaneously follow a part-time military career that spanned over 35 years of service. Upon retirement, Gousie said he had advanced to the rank of Colonel.

"This year marks my 49th year at PC," said Gousie. "To this, one may add my four years as an undergraduate student, resulting in a total of 53 years."

Gousie said that he is fluent in both French and German, and that he has taught language courses at all levels in both languages, as well as some courses for the Liberal Arts Honors Program.

Gousie indicated that he believes it is important for students to learn new languages.

"Learning a foreign language broadens one's cultural horizon, while enhancing the understanding of our own culture and heritage," said Gousie. "It makes one a citizen of the world instead of being a 'landlocked' American. It also helps students understand and better use their native language."

Gousie said that some of his best memories of PC include serving under and working with seven Presidents: Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Rev. William P. Haas, O.P., Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., Rev. John F. Cunningham, O.P., Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P., and Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.

Gousie also said that he enjoyed being registrar for many years and working with the entire faculty as associate vice president for Planning, which allowed him to watch the College grow from the '60s through the '80s.

"I have fond memories of serving as the founder and [the] director of the Study Abroad Program for 25 years and spending three years as Resident Director in Fribourg, Switzerland," he said.

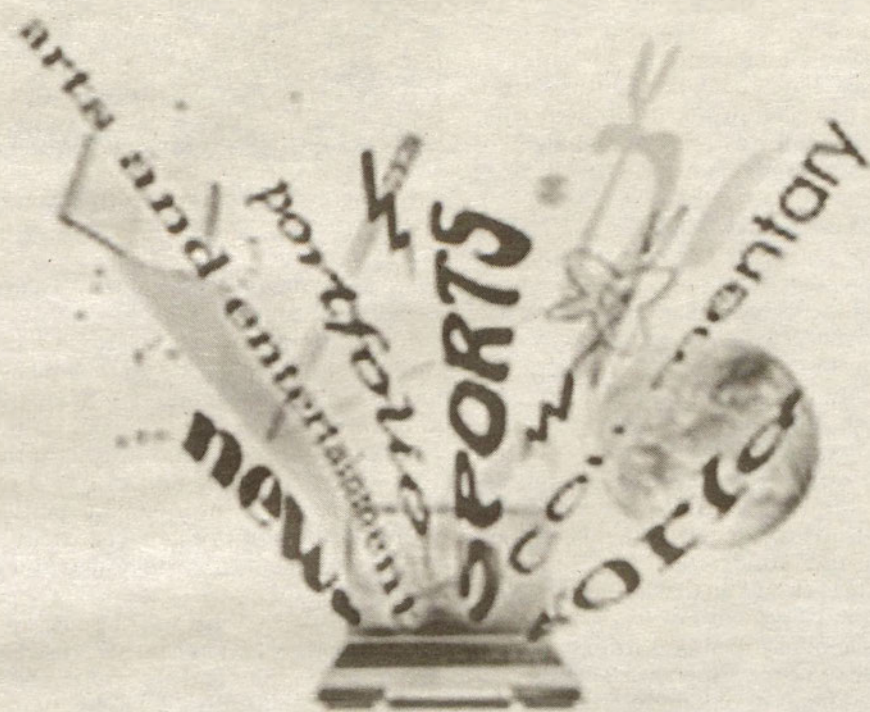
"My best memories are to be found in teaching and advising students and seeing them progress during their four years at PC and thereafter," said Gousie. "Nothing trumps my love of teaching and my association with students," said Gousie. "It has been a great career and a wonderful relationship with Providence College."

In terms of the German program, Gousie said he expects to see German courses taught next year; he said that four courses are currently planned despite his retirement and the sabbatical of Rev. Leonard P. Hindsley, O.P.

"According to an MLA [Modern Language Association] study, registration in German courses continues to

grow throughout the U.S., albeit very slowly," said Gousie. "German should remain a firm part of the offerings of the Department of Modern Languages. Although there is no major in German, there is a minor and a number of students are enrolled in the program."

"PC continues to support the important role that language instruction and study abroad options play in a liberal arts education here, but the College must also be prudent in how it allocates its scarce resources," said Shanley. "I am hopeful we can continue to offer a variety of languages, taught by excellent faculty, who are committed to our mission."



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# Medvedev Warns of Missile Deployment

BY RYAN MCKEON '09  
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RUSSIA

IN HIS FIRST annual address to the nation, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced that his nation will position missiles near Poland's border in reaction to the United States' plans for an anti-missile system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Medvedev's address stressed Russian nationalism, defended the war with Georgia, and blamed the current world financial crisis on America's "selfish" foreign policy and "economic blunders."

"To neutralize—if necessary—the [U.S.] anti-missile system, an Iskander missile system will be deployed in the Kaliningrad region."

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, in his first annual state of the nation address

Medvedev's speech had an underlying message of blame for the United States' inability to work with other countries and for not exercising

prudence in terms of financial policy and regulation.

Though Medvedev spoke of domestic issues in his address to the Russian people, most countries, the U.S. especially, will focus on his bold words concerning missile placement.

The U.S. has plans for a missile defense system that will be positioned both in Poland and the Czech Republic. "These are interceptors and they are designed to protect our European allies as well as the continental United States from an emerging ballistic missile threat from the Middle East," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters.

Russia, however, believes the missiles to be a threat to its own security. In response to this apparent threat, Medvedev called for the placing of missiles near the Polish border. "To neutralize—if necessary—the [U.S.] anti-missile system, an Iskander missile system will be deployed in the Kaliningrad region," he claimed.

The Iskander Tactical Missile System is considered to be among the most advanced surface-to-surface missiles available today. The missile is designed for mobile operation and is capable of hitting targets at ranges of 50 to 280 kilometers.

POLITICAL EXPERTS are torn in their interpretation of Medvedev's message. Much of what the president said is not new; it serves as a typical attack on U.S. foreign policy and an American superiority complex. However, it is the first time since the end of the Cold War that a Russian



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Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev made his annual state of the nation address in Moscow on Wednesday, Nov. 5. In it, he pledged to station short-range missiles on Russia's western border if the U.S. proceeds with its planned missile defense system in Eastern Europe.

president openly and clearly threatened Europe with the deployment of ballistic missiles.

Some analysts argue that Medvedev is just putting on a "tough guy" act to boost the morale of the Russian people who have suffered more than most in the financial crisis. Russia's war with Georgia handed Moscow a quick military victory but serious defeat with international investors, who dumped Russian assets in a selling spree that made the stock market one of the world's worst-performing this year.

In addressing the economic recession, Medvedev commented, "The lessons of the mistakes and crises of 2008 have proved to all responsible nations that the time has come to act, and it is necessary to radically reform the [international] political and economic system."

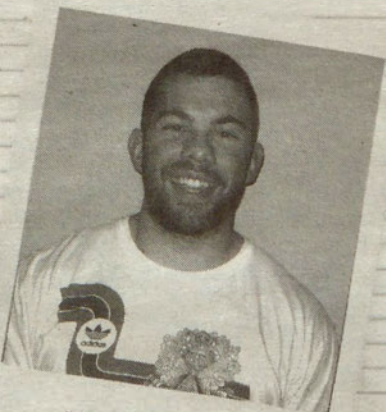
MEDVEDEV CHOSE to make his address the day after Barack Obama was voted into the American presidency, and pundits claimed this was not by coincidence. It is a test, but also a demand of respect. Medvedev's call for change and harsh comments about U.S. foreign policy can be seen as an attempt to make the new administration take Russia seriously. Under George W. Bush, the American presence in Eastern Europe has expanded. The positioning of an American missile defense shield in Poland adds to the American build up and foreign resentment.

The new American administration certainly has its hands full. If it was attention President Medvedev wanted, he was successful, and the world now awaits Russia's next move.

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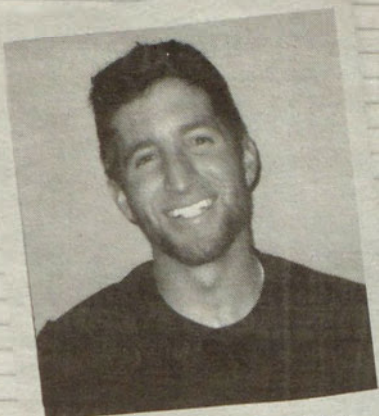
What do you make of Medvedev's confrontational statements regarding missile deployment in his annual address?

"I think Medvedev is testing the waters of the new [U.S.] administration in an attempt to see what the standards of U.S. foreign policy will be."



Dan Houde '09

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Sean Heneghan '09

"Medvedev is a relatively new president who may be trying to present himself as a tough guy. Though, in his position he wields a lot of power so he needs to be taken seriously."

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# In Milestone, Taiwan's President Meets Chinese Envoy

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ASIA: Taiwan

**I**N 1949, AFTER the end of the Chinese Civil War, a defeated Kuomintang (Chinese National Party), led by Chiang Kai-shek, retreated to Taiwan to create a self-governing state, while the Chinese Communist Party retained power over mainland China.

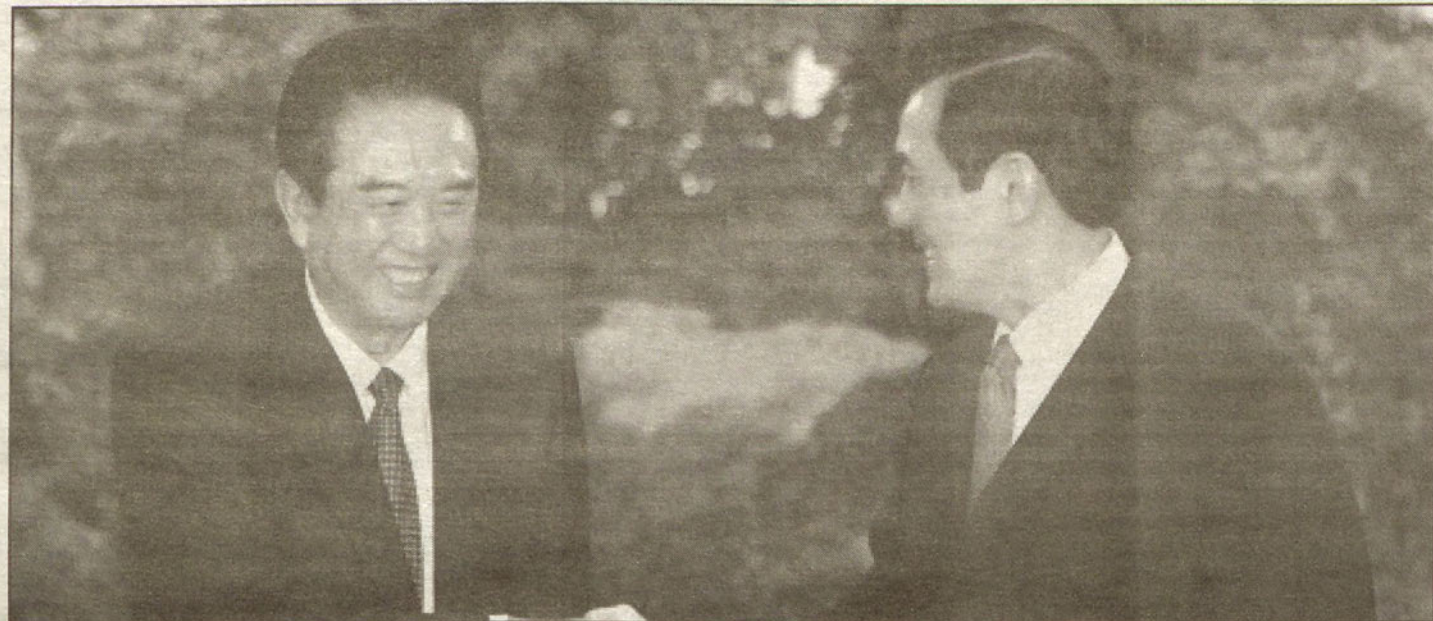
Since that time, relations between the two nations have been strained. China refuses to recognize Taiwan as an independent nation and regards it only as a renegade Chinese province that can be brought under control through military means.

To this day, Taiwan remains divided, with some not wanting to have anything to do with China (members of the Democratic Progressive Party), and others hoping to further relations with China. Ironically, the latter are members of the Kuomintang (National Party).

**O**N THURSDAY, NOV. 6, Taiwan hosted the most high-ranking Chinese official since the split in 1949: Beijing's most senior envoy for Taiwan, Chen Yunlin.

Chen's arrival was met with protests by members of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). They believe this was President Ma's way of beginning the process of giving in to China. The Police attempted to curb protests but Chen was still besieged at a banquet in Taipei. Outside the president's office, 10,000 protesters wore "Taiwan is my country" ribbons; they told Chen to leave and called for President Ma to step down. More protests and riots were reported around Taipei and outside Chen's hotel.

At the meeting, Ma said, "What cannot be denied is that between the two sides some differences and chal-



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Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan, right, greets Chen Yunlin, a top Chinese diplomat, on Thursday, Nov. 6. Chen is the highest-level Chinese official to visit Taiwan in nearly 60 years.

lenges still exist, especially on the issues of Taiwan's security and international space."

China sees the recent election of Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou (a Nationalist Party member), as a positive for its desires. Since getting into office, Ma has increased Chinese-Taiwanese business ties, the most substantial being expansion of direct transport links. The expansions include direct air-routes avoiding Hong Kong airspace, and new direct sea links with 11 ports in Taiwan and 63 in China, with all ports open to ships on either side.

This is good news for Taiwanese businessmen who have long advocated direct links. According to *The Economist*, Wang Lee-rong, of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, a semi-official think-tank, insists the agreements "are not only

symbolic, but will have real impact," because they will link Taiwan to the rest of the global supply chains.

Ma has the difficult job of balancing the people's demands in Taiwan, to be politically tough on China, and fix a severely faltering economy in Taiwan. Unfortunately, if the declining global economy continues to drag the Taiwanese economy down, these agreements may not help Ma's waning popularity.

**A**LTHOUGH RELATIONS seem to be warming between the two nations, China has still been able to hold Taiwan back in international relations and security. While China has 170 diplomatic allies, Taiwan has only 23. China has also been able to bar Taiwan from U.N. membership, which requires statehood as a precondition. According to Taipei,

China has more than 1,000 missiles pointed at Taiwan just across the Taiwan Strait, one of the world's most dangerous flashpoints.

Recently, the Chinese government asked President-elect Barack Obama to, "honor its commitment [made in 1992 not to recognize Taiwan as a nation], honor the one-China policy, and stop selling weapons to Taiwan."

The United States does not recognize Taiwan as an independent nation, but as a part of mainland China. As of now, Obama does not plan to change the U.S.'s policy on Taiwan.

**M**A AND CHEN only spoke for five minutes, but this still marked an historic event in Chinese-Taiwanese relations. Only time will tell what Ma's administration will do in regards to China's and Taiwan's ties in the future.

## Obama Makes First Decisions as President-Elect

BY LORRAINE DALTON '11  
WORLD STAFF

UNITED STATES

**P**RESIDENT-ELECT Barack Obama spoke with Republican President Bush for the first time since the Democrat's election victory on Monday, Nov. 10, to discuss a broad range of issues. The deteriorating U.S. economy was expected to dominate the discussion.

The president and president-elect were also expected to talk about national security and the war in Iraq.

Bush and Obama held a private meeting in the Oval Office, while the first lady gave the incoming first lady a tour of the residence. The Bush Administration has offered to do all they can to help with Obama's transition.

The two met for just over an hour during Monday's meeting, which was an historic formality, but it was also a time for serious talks. It marked the first time that Obama has visited the Oval Office.

"I think it was very gracious of President Bush to invite him so early—usually it happens a little later in the process," Valerie Jarrett, one of the transition team's co-chairs, told reporters. "I think because of the daunting challenges that are facing our country, President Bush thought it was important to move forward quickly."

John Podesta, Obama's co-chair of the transition team, told CNN's "Late Edition" that Obama will push Congress to enact "at least part" of an economic package before he takes office in January, but said the problems Americans face need short-term and long-term approaches.

**T**HE AUTO INDUSTRY is also an important economic factor. Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.), whom Obama designated last week to be



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Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.), shown here with Barack Obama during the campaign, has accepted an offer to become White House chief of staff.

White House chief of staff, said the government needs to consider "fast-forwarding" \$25 billion in low-interest loans already approved by Congress to help the Big Three U.S. automakers retool for more efficient vehicles.

Podesta said Congress could extend unemployment benefits for laid-off workers and provide assistance to states grappling with increased Medicaid costs quickly. But he said efforts to improve schools, expand health-care coverage and wean the nation's energy industry away from imported fuels "need to be tackled together."

"As a candidate, Senator Obama said that he wanted all the Bush executive orders reviewed and decided which ones should be kept and which ones should be repealed and which ones should be amended, and that process is going on," said Podesta. "It's been undertaken."

"Obama's team will be looking—again, in virtually every agency—to see where we can move forward, whether that's on energy transforma-

tion, on improving health care, on stem cell research."

**D**ESPITE THE NEGATIVE tone of the campaign season—in which Obama frequently campaigned against what he called Bush's "failed policies"—Bush has pledged to do everything he can to make sure they have a smooth transition.

"When I called President-elect Obama to congratulate him on his historic victory, I told him that he can count on my complete cooperation as he makes his transition to the White House," Bush said in his radio address this weekend. Ensuring that this transition is seamless is a top priority for the rest of my time in office."

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Obama noted, "I'm going to go in there with a spirit of bipartisanship and a sense that both the president and various leaders in Congress all recognize the severity of the situation right now and want to get stuff done."

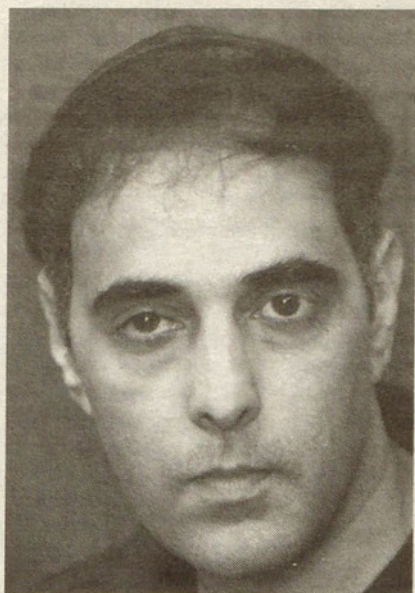
He also said that he does not "underestimate the enormity of the task that lies ahead."

The co-chair of Obama's transition team, Valerie Jarrett, said the new president is aiming to assemble a diverse, bipartisan cabinet. "I'm confident his administration will include people from all perspectives," she said.





## Soundbite of the Week



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"I saw that it was so easy, and told myself that in several years, I would regret not having killed him."

-YIGAL AMIR, the man convicted of assassinating Israel's Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in an interview from prison that has been widely condemned by Israeli leaders.

## The Sunny Side

BY KIERAN WHELAN '09  
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A NEW MEMORIAL in Berlin opened on Tuesday, Nov. 11, and will pay tribute to the thousands of German gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews from persecution by the Nazis. It will be home to documents telling the stories of those who spent years in hiding.

The "Silent Heroes" memorial center will focus on the legacy of the "good German," or those individuals who resisted Hitler and were labeled as traitors by the Nazis.

"Their accomplishments were totally forgotten, and this is an initiative to bring them back into our memory," said Johannes Tuchel, director of the German Resistance Memorial Center Foundation.

Roughly 5,000 Jews were able to survive the war in hiding in Germany, but it is still not clear how many people assisted them. Research suggests that for each person in hiding, around 10 people were involved in aiding them.

One of the best-known subjects is Oskar Schindler, whose story was made famous by the 1993 Oscar-winning film *Schindler's List*, which showed the German businessman's efforts to save 1,000 Jews from death camps by hiring them to work in his factories.

## Oddly Enough

BY KIERAN WHELAN '09  
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A CITY COUNCIL in London ruled last Wednesday, Nov. 5, that smokers will no longer qualify for foster parenting unless there are certain exceptional circumstances.

The local authority in northeast London argued that the decision, which will not take effect until 2010, was made to protect children from the "damaging effects of passive and second-hand smoke." Counselor Michael Stark acknowledged that it "is a difficult issue because some people will feel it is an intrusion on personal freedoms."

Although other councils around the country have introduced similar measures, this is the most far-reaching.

The Fostering Network, a charity which represents groups involved in fostering, said it believed no child under five should be placed with parents who smoked. However, they did not want potentially good parents to be put off because they had an occasional cigarette.

Tobacco lobby groups said the move was part of an "ongoing campaign to stigmatize smokers." One spokesman argued that "it sends out an insidious message that smokers in general are unfit parents and I don't think any politician has the right to do that."

# FRIAR FINANCE



BY MICHAEL LEPRI '10 WORLD STAFF

## Ailing Automakers Prompt Calls for Government Assistance

THE NEW OBAMA administration has a bailout of the automotive industry on the top of its to-do list. At a press conference on Friday, Nov. 7, President-elect Barack Obama said, "I have made it a high priority for my transition team to work on additional policy options to help the auto industry adjust, weather the financial crisis, and succeed in producing fuel-efficient cars here in the United States. I have asked my team to explore what we can do under current law and whether additional legislation will be needed for this purpose."

Both General Motors and Ford posted major third-quarter cash losses of a combined \$14.6 billion. In addition, GM could shortly reach their minimum cash levels required for operations, estimated to be between \$10 and \$12 billion. These companies are facing major liquidity problems compounded by the tight credit market, making it very difficult for them to borrow.

GM was planning to merge with Chrysler, but after a poor third quarter and lack of government support, decided to put it on hold. The major job losses that would have resulted from the merger were not supported by the government, which was also being looked to for large loans to finance the transaction.

HOUSE SPEAKER Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) have sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson urging him to include a loan to the big three US automakers—GM, Ford and Chrysler—in the \$700 billion bailout plan. However, President Bush is hesitant to change the nature of the bailout which was passed to help the credit markets and financial system after the housing market collapse.



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According to Bush spokesman Tony Fratto, "[The bailout] was not set up for anything else."

If the request to include auto companies in the \$700 bailout package is accepted, that would expand the government's role in private enterprise far beyond the financial sector. According to *The Washington Post*, this would "attract a long line of other companies to Washington to argue that their survival, too, is critical to the economic health of the country. The move would push the Bush administration to decide winners and losers in yet another huge sector of the economy, and it would force President-elect Barack Obama to manage a complex restructuring of the ailing automotive industry."

If they are unable to make an amendment to the \$700 billion plan,

Pelosi and Reid plan to include a loan to auto companies in a broad economic stimulus package that they hope will pass toward the end of November.

THE AUTO COMPANIES will argue that they need the money from Washington to meet new fuel economy standards imposed by Congress which will come into effect in the next ten years. These new standards were passed at the end of 2007 in a bill requiring all U.S.-made cars to get 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

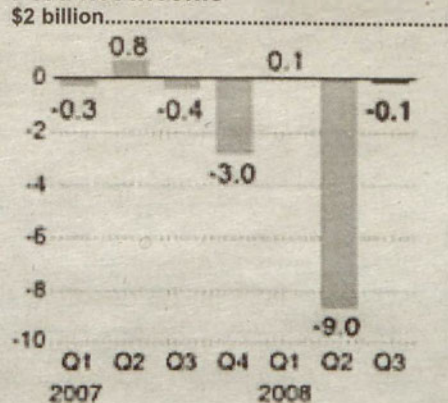
The Big Three are not only struggling financially because of the tight credit markets but also due to the large investments they have to make now and in the future to meet the demands of Washington. In September, Congress approved a \$25 billion loan program for fuel-efficient vehicles for auto companies but it has been said that it is unlikely any of that cash will be dispersed by the end of the year. Foreign car companies will benefit from these new standards because they will be able to invest in new technology when they have the cash on hand to do so. This is not the right time to force struggling companies to invest in new equipment and technology, especially when the \$25 billion they are going to receive comes from the taxpayers.

Representative Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) stated in a recent letter to President Bush that "many of us feared that the nationalization of the financial sector would spread to other industries." He continued to say that, "if liquidity is the issue, measures such as cutting the corporate tax rate, suspending the tax on capital gains, and removing penalties for the repatriation of foreign assets are far better options" than a government bailout.

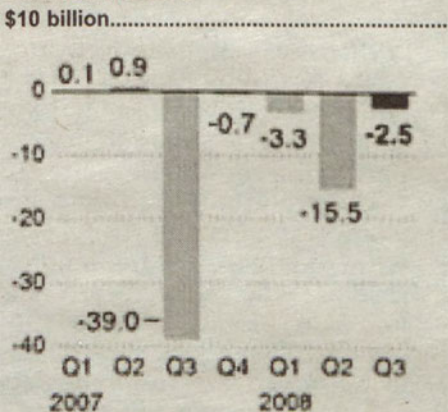
### Car Trouble

Nearly 6,000 jobs are slated to be cut after General Motors Corp. and Ford Motors Co. posted huge third-quarter losses.

#### Ford net income



#### GM net income



SOURCES: Capital IQ; The companies

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THESE POTENTIAL LOANS to the automotive industry lead us to question the definition of capitalism. Capitalism has traditionally been regarded as an economic system based on competition in a free market. The government is changing this view by giving public help to private industries that are unable to survive in the marketplace.



## THE AMERICAS

### CANADA Cabinet Established to Maintain Financial Stability

Resolved to build immunity to the current economic crisis, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper established a new federal Cabinet "charged with protecting Canadians in a time of increasing global economic instability," reported a government news brief on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The new cabinet will focus on protecting Canada's small businesses and families.

In appointing the Cabinet, Harper maintained that key economic portfolios would continue to be overseen by seasoned veterans, including Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance. Harper also announced plans to integrate new ministers for a fresh perspective and diverse experience into the mix.

The Cabinet is reportedly prepared to begin work immediately upon establishment.

"We will build a foundation of strength that will protect the earnings, savings and financial security of Canadians and ensure that Canada emerges from this time of global turmoil stronger than ever before," Harper promised.

### UNITED STATES: A.I.G. Posts Huge Losses; Government Restructures Bailout

The U.S. government announced on Monday, Nov. 10, its plans to overhaul its bailout of insurance giant American International Group (A.I.G.), according to *The New York Times*.

A.I.G. reported a record loss on Monday of \$24.47 billion in the third quarter.

Under the new plan, which extends at least \$27 billion more than the previous package, the government will purchase \$40 billion of the company's stock, spend up to \$30 billion on securities, and buy as much as \$22.5 billion in residential mortgage securities.

It will also reduce the credit line from the previous package from \$85 billion to \$60 billion, and reduce the interest rates on borrowings. AIG must accept executive pay curbs, including a freeze of bonuses for its top executives.

The Federal Reserve and the Treasury jointly said the move was necessary "to keep the company strong and facilitate its ability to complete its restructuring process successfully."

### HAITI: "No Signs of Life" at Collapsed School

A school collapsed in a Haitian suburb on Saturday, Nov. 8, killing at least 93 people.

No survivors have been found since four were pulled from the wreckage on Saturday. Hundreds of U.S., French, and Haitian rescuers have been working around the clock, but now say they have "unfortunately found no signs of life" and are switching their efforts to the recovery of bodies, according to rescuer Daniel Vigier.

The church-run school, La Promesse College, was located in the suburb of Petionville, outside the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. It contained a kindergarten, an elementary school, and a middle school.

Haitian President Rene Preval said the school, which partially collapsed several years ago, had been built with hardly any structural steel or cement to bind the concrete blocks. The BBC's Andy Gallacher says residents in the area suspect it was poorly rebuilt.

The owner of the school has been arrested.

### PERU: State of Emergency Declared in Province

Peru's Prime Minister declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, Nov. 5, after violent protests have abounded across the southern part of the country.

The protests ignited in response to new legislation passed in the Peruvian congress, which plans to cut the amount of mining tax revenues the Tacna region is allowed to capitalize on, instead favoring the region's neighbors in Moquegua. The bill is also expected to be approved by President Alan Garcia.

According to the BBC, Prime Minister Yehude Simon announced he will not talk with authorities in Tacna until they ensured that the violent protests which have left three dead, as well as 39 civilians and 27 police injured.

The protests stretched as far as the Chilean border where 400 protestors obstructed travel on the Pan-American Highway.

The state of emergency will provide for army patrols to enforce the suspension of free transit, public gathering and privacy of the home for at least 30 days.

## week in REVIEW

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## MIDDLE EAST

### AFGHANISTAN: U.S. Strike Hits Wedding, Killing 40 Civilians

On Thursday, Nov. 6, U.S. officials confirmed a glitch in missile deployment that led to at least 40 civilian casualties at a wedding in Afghanistan, *The New York Times* reports.

The U.S. military confirmed it was conducting an investigation with the help of the Afghan Interior Ministry to determine what went awry in the strike, which also left 28 others wounded.

According to the BBC, Afghani President Hamid Karzai has continually questioned the increase in civilian casualties, while maintaining his support for the broader U.S. mission against terrorist organizations.

In recent months, the number of civilian deaths as a result of air strikes has surged. In the period from January to August 2008, at least 1,445 civilians were killed in Afghanistan either by air strikes, or Taliban forces—a 39 percent increase from the same time period the previous year.

The bride in the most recent strike needed surgery for her injuries and is currently in stable condition.

## ASIA

### CHINA: Government Announces \$586 Billion Stimulus Plan

China unveiled a \$586 billion stimulus package on Sunday, Nov. 9, in an effort to inoculate its economy against the global financial crisis.

China's economy, the fourth-largest in the world, is mainly export-driven, and has been feeling the effects of weakening U.S. and European markets. In an effort to spur expansion, the government has already cut interest rates three times in less than two months, but growth has still slowed to its lowest level in five years.

The Cabinet's statement, at a meeting chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, said it had "decided to adopt active fiscal policy and moderately easy monetary policies," according to CNN. The spending will focus on 10 areas, mainly on infrastructure and social welfare, through 2010.

Chinese stocks soared on Monday, Nov. 10, following the announcement, surging 7.3 percent.

### INDIA: Conference of Indian Muslim Leaders Condemns Terrorism

A conference attended by thousands of Muslim clerics, scholars, and community leaders in India endorsed a religious ruling against terrorism on Monday, Nov. 10.

The ruling, or fatwa, was issued in May of this year by the Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband.

"Some people are involved in terrorist activities in the name of Islam and some are defaming Islam by involvement in terrorist activities," said Abdul Hameed Nomani, an organizer of the conference. "We condemn both."

## EUROPE

### EUROPEAN UNION: Foreign Ministers To Resume Partnership Talks with Russia

The European Union's foreign ministers have decided to resume partnership talks with Russia, despite failing to reach unanimous agreement, the BBC reports.

The former Soviet republic of Lithuania thinks the decision is a "mistake." But the other 26 members of the EU agreed the time has come to reengage with Moscow.

"We have found a good way to proceed," said EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner, after the foreign ministers met in Brussels on Monday, Nov. 10. "We think it is time to resume the talks."

The EU suspended talks over Russia's intervention in Georgia in early August 2008. Lithuania argued Russia has still not fully met the terms of the EU-brokered ceasefire, which called for Russian and Georgian troops to return to their pre-war positions, as Russia still has more troops deployed in Georgia's breakaway South Ossetia region than it did before the conflict.

"We think this is a mistake. History will show who was right and who was not," said Lithuanian Deputy Foreign Minister Zygimantas Pavilionis, arguing that the talks should remain frozen.

While acknowledging that Russia has not yet fully complied with the terms of the truce, Britain and Sweden put out a joint statement saying, "we need and want to work with Russia," and negotiations would be "a pragmatic way of pursuing our interests across a range of important issues, like energy, climate change and trade." The other member states agreed.

Talks are now expected to resume at some point after an EU-Russia summit in Nice on Friday, Nov. 14.

## AFRICA

### KENYA: French Aid Workers Abducted

According to CNN, four French aid workers and two Kenyan pilots traveling to a Somali airport were abducted on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The group, part of the aid initiative Action Against Hunger, was attacked in Dhusa Mareb, a town in central Somalia, on their way to a flight to Nairobi, Kenya.

There has been a recent surge in attacks upon aid workers in Somalia, leading many aid groups to dismantle aid operations in the area.

The country has not had a functioning government since 1991, resulting in an increase in Islamic insurgency as Ethiopian forces try to maintain control of the country.

Last month, a member of the United Nations' Children's Fund was shot and killed in southern Somalia. Consequently, the U.N. World Food Programme, ranked Somalia in the top dangerous countries for aid missions.

Meanwhile, although a ceasefire has been negotiated, it is unclear if it will be upheld particularly since it was rejected by Al Shaabab, one of the major Islamic insurgent groups involved in the fighting.

### ZIMBABWE: Higher Currency Denominations Introduced to Alleviate Inflation

In an effort to abate soaring inflation rates, Zimbabwe announced it would introduce Z\$1 million bills into the country's financial market.

According to CNN, Zimbabwe's rate of inflation currently weighs in at 230 million percent per year.

Along with the new Z\$1 million bill, the Zimbabwean Reserve Bank also plans to print Z\$100,000, and Z\$500,000 currencies to help ease cash shortages and allow consumers to make basic purchases.

Currently the highest denomination rings in at Z\$50,000 which is not enough to buy even a half a loaf of bread. The Z\$1 million note which has just begun to enter the market is the equivalent of approximately U.S. \$8.

Keeping the devalued currency of the country in mind, the country is also having difficulty importing essential medicine, particularly to control a recent cholera outbreak.



## A Long Lost Love for the Library



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SOCIETY

My mother is a librarian. Correction: My mother is a Library Media Specialist (there is a difference). Maybe it's genetic, but I've always had a love for books and language. I was one of those obnoxious kids that read before kindergarten, and I tried to tackle Dickens in fourth grade. Don't worry; I only made it to the second page before I went back to C.S. Lewis. Now this love of language has turned me into an English major at Providence College. Needless to say, the library is an important aspect of my education. One thing I always try to do is return any book I take out before it is due. After all, I don't want to accrue any fines.

Sometimes, things happen, and a book gets lost or you just simply forget to bring it back. That must have been what happened to Martha McCabe Jarrett, who was undoubtedly shocked when she found a library book in her home and checked the due date. The book belonged to her high school, and had been checked out in 1947. The most ridiculous part of the whole story—she sent it back to her old school, with a check for \$250 to cover any late fees. Now that, my friends, is what we call dedication.

Of course, there was probably no record of the book in the library. The school had changed its name and grade levels, and with the switch from analog to digital catalogues, any record of *New Word Analysis: Or School Etymology of English Derivative Words* was lost. In that case, when the book arrived in the mail accompanied by a check with a huge sum written on it, the librarian probably freaked out. Jarrett clearly intended the return of the book to be a matter of principle, and the fees to be more of a donation to a library she once frequented as a high school student.

Still, it's kind of ridiculous. How many people really respect libraries that much anymore? This woman was over seventy years old. Nowadays people don't go to the library when they need to learn something. As it turns out, everything you need to know is on Wikipedia (that's not true, nor is Wikipedia a valid source—get over it). Some people will expand their research to the first three Web sites on a Google search. Now that's some intense research right there. Libraries are underused and misunderstood. I don't know how many times I've seen students even in high school cite Google as a source—you can't cite a search engine as a source, that's like citing the card catalogue at the library. Oh, but wait, those students have probably never used a card catalogue before because the library uses a search engine to search their records now.

Whatever, I don't really know where I'm going with this. Maybe I'm wrong; after all, our Phillips Memorial Library seems to be used quite a bit, even though there was entirely unnecessary, obnoxious, and ridiculously expensive construction going on. No matter what though, every time I'm there I see droves of students working, reading, researching, and using the library as it was meant to be used. But I wonder to myself, is that the norm? At my local

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## Workers' Rights Awareness

*Sweat Free PC raises awareness about inhumane work practices and offers alternatives to the problem*



BY MATT MILLER '09  
COMMENTARY STAFF  
CAMPUS

You've all been there. It's hip, it's cool, and it's even a franchise of the eminent Barnes and Noble. The PC bookstore seems to have everything the diligent college student could desire or demand. It conveniently stocks all the books you need for almost every course you have taken or will take at Providence College. It has a healthy supply of Hallmark cards for all occasions. No need to venture off campus in order to send a distant significant other a subtle, romantic "Just thinking of you" love note. Most of all, the bookstore is the place where freshmen and behind-the-curve upper-classmen can purchase their necessary hoard of sweatpants and baseball caps marked all over with PC insignia and our vibrant school colors. There's just one tiny roadblock on this avenue towards knowledge and school spirit. Caveat: the school's affiliation with the FLA, or Fair Labor Association.

The FLA is an organization designed to monitor the labor practices of industrial suppliers throughout the world. It purportedly provides a forum for retailers and corporations to discuss the conditions of their workers. While the coalition apparently functions with certain efficiency, there seem to be certain pressing issues beyond bureaucratic fluidity. The FLA's infrastructure and international policies (if one can navigate its tremendously convoluted river of platitudes) are at the absolute best,

questionable. From a humanitarian perspective, the FLA's examination of labor conditions on a global scale appears uncomfortably lax.

During the process of mandatory factory inspections, companies are granted two weeks' advance notice as to when their production sites will be searched. As you can probably surmise, this extended period allows half a month for any sub-par or downright insidious industrial practices to be eliminated or 'swept under the rug.'

“As it is now clear, this is an organization that thrives by suckling at the corporate teat.”

In addition to this benevolent grace period, the FLA also fails to guarantee the worker's right to a private interview. By all intents and purposes, this means that each worker is forced to detail his treatment in the presence of an employer who controls his fate. Hypothetical scenario: Imagine you work at a Nike factory in Laos. It's your job to attach the tongue of each sneaker on conveyor belt by hand. You have been working there for three years; sixteen hours a day, seven days a week. Your fingers only bled for the first year, after which the calluses were thick enough to protect whatever flesh was left. When your daughter turned eight, she was "eligible" to work at that particular factory. She is now 10. She has been sent home this particular day because there is an FLA inspector

coming to evaluate the factory. You are summoned to your boss's office to speak with the inspector. The entire time your boss lingers behind the seated FLA agent, staring unpleasantly in your direction. The inspector asks you about your hours, breaks, wages, and children. What do you say? You deny everything, in hopes that your supervisor will reward your loyal deceit with a raise in pay.

There is one last issue which arises in any serious analysis of the FLA as a human rights organization. Six seats on the governing board are reserved for corporate representatives. The board requires a supermajority to pass any legislation, which basically necessitates the support of those corporate participants for it to go forward. As is now clear, this is an organization that thrives by suckling at the corporate teat. While the FLA does not explicitly endorse inhumane or evil practices, their policies create a plethora of gaps and inconsistencies that open the door for sweat-shop labor.

The alternative nonprofit to the FLA is the WRC, or Workers' Rights Consortium. When subjected to similar scrutiny, the WRC emerges as the opposite of the FLA in almost every respect. The WRC requires random inspections of the factories under its jurisdiction. They also definitively guarantee private interviews for workers and underscore the commitment to worker confidentiality. While this system obviously has weaknesses, it represents a remarkable stride towards the ideals of social justice. The WRC is administered by a 15-member govern-

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## Not Just a Fashion Statement

BY JENN DIPIRRO '12  
COMMENTARY STAFF

I could have written about the election of the United States' first African-American President, but I did not want to bore you, or myself, by writing about something that all of the articles around me have discussed or have undertones and references to. And quite frankly, do you really care about my political opinion? So this week I decided to write about something a bit more warm and fluffy, UGG boots to be exact.

'Tis the season for UGG boots, but in all seriousness, if I could wear them in July without dying from chronic foot sweat, or worse, ruining the sheepskin, I would. UGG boots have become a staple of every girl's late fall to early spring wardrobe. All opinions aside, these boots are like slipping your feet into a cloud. And I know what you are probably thinking, "This girl could not be more superficial or materialistic." Point taken, but this is about lifestyle. I have the same connection to UGG boots that Carrie Bradshaw has to her Manolos; it is an unconditional love.

Contrary to popular belief, or the opinions of the "UGG haters," when worn properly, UGGs actually are cute. Examples of this aforementioned "cuteness" are when one wears straight jeans and tucks the bottoms into their boots without awkward bunching, as a comfy shoe/slipper to accompany their comfy sweatpants, or with leggings and a skirt. However, UGG boots become "UGgly's" when worn with a ridicu-

lously short skirt, pants or shirts of non-matching colors and when they become so dirty that you want to rip them off of said girl's feet.

And then I am sure that there are the P.E.T.A. people out there who are "anti-wearing sheepskin on your feet," and that is acceptable, but please do not shove your "ethical treatment of animals" beliefs in my face. I paid \$120 to enjoy these precious gifts from Australia in peace! However, I did agree with you guys when you were upset about the punting of Ron Burgundy's pooch off of the bridge in *Anchorman*. Not just because it was such a setback for the protagonist but because there was really no rhyme or reason for it, it was kind of just a time-filler. Kudos, P.E.T.A., kudos. But I digress. . .

I fully understand that it is truly disgusting to some people to pay over a hundred dollars on a pair of boots but perhaps they just do not grasp the phenomenon. Please refrain from comparing this obsession to the Croc tragedy of 2007; we lost so many good men. Crocs are heinous! They look like Swiss cheese and are incredibly over-priced. Sorry, but I am not paying \$50 for plastic that I can boil and eat when I am lost in the woods. For starters, when am I going to be lost in the woods, Ethan Frome? And, I would be way better off wearing my UGGs because at least my feet would be warm. Sure you might be able to eat your shoes, you Croc-wearing freak, but that is if your feet do not fall off first due to all the cold air that is getting through the holes in your "outdoor footwear." Why would someone pay that much money for shoes with holes in them? Those P.E.T.A. people would,

that's who, in their plot to find fad-footwear to compensate for the fact that they refuse to wear UGGs. Mind-boggling!

But an even bigger issue facing UGG fans is the fact that everyone and their mother orders their boots right about. . . hrm, NOW! So from this very second until Christmas Eve those babies are going to be on back order. Therefore, you have to dig and scour the Internet to finally find a site to order them from. I always find a Web site that only has something obscure available, like periwinkle in size 11. Not a match!

One store that I have had a good deal of luck with is Nordstrom. I have been successful in ordering my UGGs from Nordstrom right after Thanksgiving three years running. But I probably will not have as much luck this year because I just told all of you! Actually, who am I kidding, no one will probably read this.

With that being said, love your UGGs. Pre-treat them so that they do not get ruined the first time beer gets spilt all over them. Order the UGG cleaner so that the suede can survive the first puddle that you absent-mindedly stumble into. Put socks on when you wear them so that your foul-smelling feet do not ruin the sheepskin. Buy the insoles just in case they give you blisters and they end up sitting in the back of your closet and every time you see them your heart breaks. It is okay to have a healthy obsession with your UGGs, you paid enough for them. But above all. . . Wear them with pride young grasshopper, wear them well!

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# Tangents and Tirades

**Proud to be an American.** Why is it that ever since the election I have heard more about Canada than I have heard about America? This election, regardless of political party or ideals, is historic and monumental to the progress America has made in recent years in establishing equality among all races. I have heard so many people—whether on Facebook statuses or in person—say that they are going to move to Canada or Europe. I think that one of the best parts about living in America is that we can have any one person represent our country as a whole—this is true now regardless of race. And to say that you are going to move to another country is just down-right disrespectful. To disagree with Obama's opinions and ideologies is one thing, but to declare that you are going to move because of him is something completely different. Clearly the American public feels that Obama can get us out of the mess we are in, and that in-and-of itself is a true testament to how great this country is. So for all of those people who are going to move away because you lost: Go for it. No one is stopping you—because if you are going to leave because of Obama, does that make you American anyway? You may do well in a different country. —Jeff Gahan '11

**Celebrating Obama's win.** I spent last Tuesday night in suspenseful anticipation. I had voted earlier that day and I was waiting as the results from each state started to roll in. I supported Obama so I should not have been worried, right? The polls showed him ahead in all of the key states, in the national polls; the bad economy and President Bush's disapproval ratings should have made it a lock, so why should I have been worrying? I worried, because sometimes voters tend to be stupid (hence Bush's re-election) and the people who told the pollsters they would vote for Obama would not show up. The past two election cycles gave me the perception that America was much more to the right than I would like and that is why I worried so much about Obama's chances. People often describe America as a center-right nation and have said that this win for the Democrats (electing Obama and picking up seats in both houses of Congress) has moved the country center-left. I hope this is true. I think that citizens have realized that the backwards policies and irrational fear of change by the conservatives have left this country in shambles and that our new president-elect will do what he can to fix the problem. Two of the strangest insults I heard about Obama during the race was "eastern elite" and "too intellectual" citing his education at Harvard University. Why would it be a bad thing to have a president that is "intellectual?" Is intelligence a bad thing when running a country? —Andy Kowal '10

**Now that the election is over...** The campaign run by the now president-elect was one of the most remarkable and impressive in modern American history. However, Barack Obama has not truly accomplished anything yet. He has simply won the four-year opportunity to realize the promises he has made. The fact that he is the first African-American president will mean nothing in years to come if he doesn't produce the change so ardently pledged during his campaign. He has convinced the American people that he is not merely a man of many words; however, in the process he has created enormously high expectations for his presidency. Can he win two wars, fix the growing economic crisis, provide large tax cuts, fix the failing Social Security system, provide affordable healthcare for all Americans, and do so without continuing to add to the deficit? Campaign promises and the actual implementation of those promises are two very different things. People need to realize that he will not be able to do everything during his time in office. Politicians from the beginning of civilization have made more guarantees than actual policies, and Barack Obama is no different. Will the American people really blame George Bush and the Republicans for their worries in two or three years, or will it all of a sudden become someone else's fault? On Jan. 20, 2009, Obama will have the weight of the world on his shoulders; can he rise to the occasion? —Joe Sirianni '10

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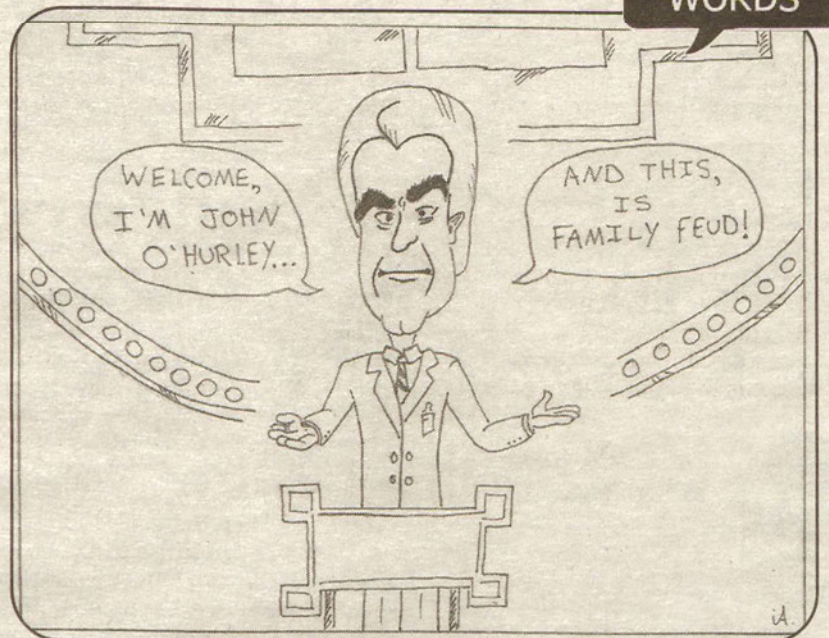
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What PC Theater Majors have to look forward to.

## WORKERS: Student Club for Human Rights

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ing board. This committee is made up of five full-time employees, five members appointed from the USAS (United Students Against Sweatshops), and five members who are elected from the universities that are affiliated with the WRC. Quite a shift in the direction of freedom and equality, eh?

Providence College, as of the current moment, is aligned with the FLA. Hardly anyone on campus is now aware of the implications of that statement. However, there is a shred of hope in this oppressive blizzard: Sweat Free PC. This group is currently working actively to spread awareness and to work for a shift in the relevant administrative policies. They need our help. Representatives in Student Congress recently proposed legislation in support of these goals. Sweat Free PC has

also submitted a proposal in the Faculty Senate, which will be voted on at the meeting on Dec. 3. For all of you who believe in the human race's capacity for compassion, there is an important petition circulating campus at the present moment. It outlines an initiative to boycott the PC bookstore for the coming spring semester of 2009. Not only will you be part of an effort aimed at positively affecting the institution of which you are a part, but you will actually pay less for books bought elsewhere. In a world filled with apathetic amorality, we must dare to speak out and to influence the circumstances of our existence. This is an opportunity for all of us to alter the status quo and to correct a global injustice. What do we have to lose?

## LIBRARY: Step Inside and Enjoy for a While

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library back home, I don't see that sort of use. It's always mothers with their small children who need to be forced to settle down, or the occasional teen browsing through the science-fiction section. Does everyone at school go home and use their library? I'd have to admit I'm guilty of falling away from the library myself. I'm "too busy" working and playing in two bands and running my own booking company and hanging out with friends...and denying

myself the chance to relax for just an hour or two. The library isn't only a study zone; it's also a place to get away from your "too busy" life and just relax for a moment with a good book. It's a place that sometimes doesn't get the credit it deserves. Do yourself a favor: Go check out a book, just for the sake of reading it. You'll probably find you love it, "but you don't have to take my word for it."

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# Reactions to the Results of the Election

## Obama: Most Radical President Now Let's Focus on the Issues



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That fact that the man we have just chosen to be our forty-fourth president is to be the most radically pro-abortion chief executive in our nation's history is not in question, and neither, really, is the fact that he is the most liberal man ever elected. I, for one, can live with bad policy; I have for my entire life, those first five months aside. But my fears about the dawning administration go way beyond policy. I am scared because our new president-elect has the will and now the means not only to eliminate obstacles to his extraordinarily radical agenda, but also to eliminate conscientious dissent.

It has often been claimed that this administration will be a bipartisan one, bringing real change by reaching across the ideological divide. The president-elect himself has occasionally seemed aware that abortion is a difficult moral issue, conceding when Rick Warren asked him when life begins that "that question is above my pay grade" and, in a speech before the Planned Parenthood Action Fund on July 17, 2007, noting that "There will always be people, many of goodwill, who do not share my view on the issue of choice." To this point, the man at the logo-adorned podium at "I am absolutely convinced, however, that we have just elected President of the United States, 'that culture wars are just so nineties. Their days are growing dark. . . We are tired of arguing about the same old stuff.'"

This comment shows the true nature of the bipartisanship our executive-to-be plans to exercise. Most view bipartisan compromise as an interplay of thesis and antithesis, resulting eventually in a new synthesis. Our president-elect, however, channels Hegel not so much as Mussolini, who announced one day that his own powers of self-criticism were so great that opposition parties were no longer necessary in Italy. And they vanished. In three months, the most powerful man in the world will be a person tired of arguing about the same old stuff. We abidingly inept people of goodwill are free to go about our bitter lives, but our days of calling the progressive agenda into question are over.

Never let it be said that the outgoing junior senator from Illinois does not back up his lofty rhetoric with concrete policy proposals. He has promised to sign the Freedom of Choice Act, which would essentially declare abortion an unalien-

able right. According to his answers to the "Reproductive Health Reality Check Questionnaire," he has the will—and now the means—to repeal the Hyde amendment, which merely ensures that people of conscience will not have to fund the abortions of others. His campaign's response to the two-part question "Does Sen. Obama support continuing federal funding for crisis pregnancy centers? Why or why not?" was a single word: "No." Implying that crisis pregnancy centers are a threat to legal abortion is a bit like attacking Alcoholics Anonymous for subversively trying to bring back Prohibition, but the man who wants to fund just about everything opposes them on this absurd ground.

What kind of America will begin our journey toward on January 20? One clue might be found in New Mexico, where a photographer named Elaine Huguenin declined to be hired by a same-sex couple to take pictures of their "commitment ceremony." The couple filed a complaint with the New Mexico Human Rights Division, and won. Huguenin was assessed \$6,600 in damages and barred from ever refusing such a request again, thereby exhibiting their tolerance and respect for diversity by compelling Elaine Huguenin to act in a way that contradicts her Christian beliefs.

There is no direct link to our next president here, but when we are speaking of judicial matters, we have to keep in mind the most famous passage from that Planned Parenthood speech: "We to be poor, or ~~black~~ <sup>disabled</sup>, or old. And that's the criteria by which I'm going to be selecting my judges." Eventually, anywhere from two to as many as five justices of the United States Supreme Court will have been chosen by a former constitutional law professor who values empathy over wisdom, courage, restraint, impartiality, experience, knowledge of the law and grammar itself ("criteria" is plural). Indeed, the evaluation of any quality other than empathy in a potential justice is doubtless above our next president's pay grade; and anyway, the choice between a gay couple's feelings and Elaine Huguenin's constitutional rights is an easy one when one is "sick of arguing about the same old stuff." A conscience still fighting the culture wars is no conscience at all, says the man who will throw out the first pitch of the next baseball season; until then, I'll be digging in to that batter's box.



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The presidential election of Barack Obama was only one of the historic decisions made by the American people on Nov. 4.

In California, voters passed a measure amending their state constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman. Florida and Arizona passed similar amendments to their respective constitutions on Election Day. The total number of states that have enacted bans on same-sex marriage is now 30.

Such facts give us some insight into the mindset of the American voter this past election.

In the case of California we see that traditional American values hold firm even in the most unlikely of places. California represents one of the most liberal states in the union, as evidenced by President-elect Obama's carrying the state by 24 points. Interestingly, many of the same Californians who voted for Obama also voted to ban same-sex marriage.

The fight over the definition of marriage in California has been a controversial one. In the year 2000, Californians succeeded in voting to bar same-sex marriage from occurring within the state. Last May, however, the State Supreme Court declared that such a measure was unconstitutional. Processors of the ban

In most cases, when conservatism in its most basic form is on the ballot, it succeeds, for Americans are generally a conservative people. As evidence of this, take Obama's heavy campaigning over the past two

months that he, as the most liberal member of the Senate, is in fact a tax cutter. That Obama intends to cut taxes at large is a grave misrepresentation of the truth, as many of the wealthy business executives who supported him will soon discover when he takes more of their money for the sake of "spreading the wealth around." Furthermore, Obama reacted with vehemence to any suggestion that he was a supporter of infanticide, despite his having voted against legislation that would provide care to children born of botched abortions when he was a State Senator in Illinois. The point is that President-elect Obama pretended to be something he wasn't at many points during his campaign. He had to convince skeptical Americans that he is not as liberal as his record shows.

Obama used a well-organized campaign to give the American people a distorted version of himself, not the truth about his political identity or personal vision of America. In addition to portraying himself as a capitalist and a moderate in regards to abortion, Obama has frequently expressed his desire to prevent the occurrence of same-sex marriages. What Obama says, however, and what he does are often two different things, as he has refused to support several measures which would go a long way in defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Who America elects as president every four years doesn't tell the whole story of who we are as a people. With the election of Obama, his closest associates, at the helm a brave new world. The task of keeping marriage between one man and one woman, however, was reaffirmed by the American people in this past election. The Obama administration will perhaps meet with more resistance than expected when it appoints Judges who will attempt to extinguish any such definition of marriage.

America has been, and will always be a nation whose fundamental beliefs are conservative in nature. It is for this reason that much of what we have stood for as a nation is particularly at odds with President-elect Obama's worldview. With the help of the mainstream media, Obama was able to lead a large majority of American voters into thinking him to be more traditional than he actually is. The perception of his moderation, however, will come quickly to an end once we get a more complete picture of what he really believes.

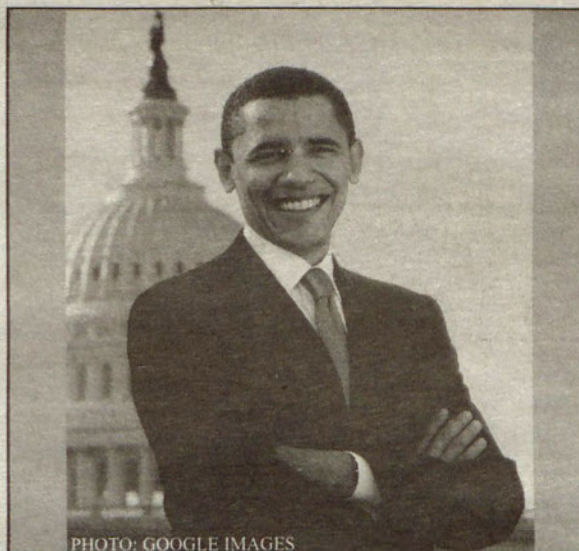


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## We Should Take Pride in the New President and Unite as a Country

BY CHRIS SLAVIN '12  
COMMENTARY STAFF

I must admit I was slightly hesitant about writing an article about politics, because I hardly consider myself an expert on the subject. However, I have a

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strong feeling that if there is ever going to be a time for me to throw in my two cents, that time is now because I do not think it will ever be any easier to document my thoughts and feelings on this topic. In fact, I would not be surprised if every American could fill at least a page with their reactions to the events of the passed nine days, as in this time all of us have developed some feeling from the historical happening we have experienced.

When Barack Obama delivered his first speech after being elected as our 44th president of the United States, the camera showed some of the many emotional faces of the crowd. We were shown Americans, both black and

white, with tears of happiness streaming down their faces in reaction to what they were witnessing. These faces represented the feelings of millions of us on Nov. 4. These feelings of joy also proved to be universal, ranging from people of minimal political knowledge to those of high government pedigree. We came to understand that Colin Powell's reaction to Obama winning the presidency was no different than the millions who cried due to pure elation on Nov. 4. The effect Obama's victory had on the soul was not discriminatory because the feeling was the same no matter what your social class. For all Americans, the choice we made as a people signifies our immense moral progress and our unity as a nation.

I'm sure that since the election you have read and heard various other accounts in newspapers, television, the Internet and in daily conversation all with the same general feeling of this article. I am confident this is not the first reflection of the Obama victory you have seen or heard and I do not expect I

am telling you anything you have not already realized, but I feel it is important to document our reactions to this monumental occurrence. All of us had a reaction to Obama winning the presidency, and although we wish the enthusiasm and love of our new leader could be unanimous, we realize this is impossible. In their speeches after the result of the election, both Obama and Sen. John McCain focused on what is necessary for our country now that all the votes have been tallied.

Before the country heard President-elect Obama speak, we heard McCain's reply to his loss. With nobility, McCain accepted his defeat, congratulated Barack Obama, and advised those who voted for him to give their complete loyalty to the man they did not vote for. By doing this, McCain took the first step in unifying the country after the election. The support for McCain was evident in the shouts praising him from the crowd present at his speech and all of these supporters heard the man they voted for instruct them to redirect their sup-

port to Obama. Leading by example, Senator McCain expressed his complete backing of his previous rival in his speech and caused his supporters to follow his lead. Our newly elected president focused on the same goal in his speech, reminding us we are not blue states and red states but one unified country.

I hope anyone who supported McCain or any other candidate can now call themselves an Obama supporter, because I think right now the term "Obama supporter" and "American" are synonymous. No matter your political affiliation, I don't think there is any arguing that there is something very special about Barack Obama. If my choice to vote for Obama was not fully derived from his platform, the rest came from his overall presence and apparent character. In the back of my mind was the thought of recounting fifty years from now who I voted for in my first presidential election as an eligible voter. I couldn't see myself regretting voting for Obama.



# It's Raining, It's Pouring, and Civ Is Really Boring

BY LINDSEY SHEEHAN '11  
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Welcome to Providence College; where the security guard is your best friend and it rains all year round. If you were one of many who forgot to bring a raincoat freshman year, you soon learned that it is just as necessary as making it to Ray brunch. We all know the feeling; you wake up, look

out your window that's cluttered with empty coffee cups from Jazzman's, and stare at the gloomy depressing sky. It is going to be yet another rainy day in New England. You sprint to class only to be late because you slipped crossing Huxley and almost had a fatal encounter with the RIPTA.

Don't be down my friend, the rain can bring more than soggy jeans and a wet research paper. Experienced this PC tradition, next time it's raining throw on some old clothes and head for the quad. Some killer spots for mud sliding: Guzman hill (not on the pavement—that could turn out for the worst), hill behind the Suites, and lower quad. For those of you who are 21, I do not recom-



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mend doing this after a night out. I mean it could be funny for your friends and a passerby when you decide that it would be a good idea to slide down lower quad in your birthday suit, but take my advice, I'm protecting your dignity and your "muhmmminaha." On another note, mud sliding is perfect for some roommate bonding or a quick break from studying.

## DEAL DRUGS!

Get your floor or house mates together for an intense game of Drug Dealer. If you are unfamiliar with the game, I warn you it is very addicting. Before you know it, it will be 4:00 a.m. and you will start having a natural suspicion that your best friend is pushing drugs. Confused? If so, here's the D.L.: in this card game you can have an unlimited

number of people and the same number of cards at their own card. The player with the ace is the drug dealer and the person with the king is the cop. The drug dealer must "sell" to the players by discreetly winking at them. If you get winked at, then you throw in your card and say "sold." Here's the catch: the drug dealer has to be careful not to wink at the cop or else he or she is busted. Once the cop determines who

the drug dealer is (the person who has the ace) then the game restarts. However, the cop better act fast before everyone is "sold."

## STICK RACES!

Remember when we used to be easily entertained as kids? Don't get nostalgic on me—college is a perfect time to relive your childhood. Grab some sticks from Narnia and head to Huxley "River." Actually, that could get dangerous (again, the whole RIPTA thing). In front of Jazzman's or anywhere there's a gutter will suffice. Turn it into a tournament that lasts your entire college career (or what's left of it). Upon graduation (sorry for saying the "g-word," seniors), recognize the top five best stick racers, and give the number one racer a box of sticky tack because they are so stick-fabulous. Every rainy day you will be reminded of those hours you could have been sitting in your dorm proud that you raced their stick.

## BAKING!

We all aren't Susie Homemakers, but why not try? Pick up some baking ingredients at CVS or the store located across from Jazzman's and make some delicious cookies, brownies, or cakes. The mouth-watering smell of a fresh cake will arouse your hallmates out of their cells and get you out of the damp mood that comes with the rain. Don't



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have an oven? No worries, go make bif- files with your hall director, most are pumped when students stop by their room. Here's a fun fact of the day: baking also relieves sexual frustration. I know, it all makes sense now. No wonder Martha Stewart is the way she is.

## MOVIE!

One of the all-time favorite things to do on a rainy day: absolutely nothing productive. Get comfy with your special someone or maybe invite over your Ray dining hall crush. Whoever you choose to be your company, turn on channel 47 and snuggle up to an all-time favorite movie. You can find a list of movies with their show times on the BOP Website ([providencebop.org](http://providencebop.org)). Not into movies? Get out your "muggle" fans, or your favorite sitcom season. There's always the theater at Providence Place mall if you're up for standing in the rain to wait for the RIPTA. If not, pop a bag of popcorn, heat up some hot cocoa, and shut out the showers.

So there you have it, my fellow rain combaters. Don't like my ideas? There's always Google. See you out there.

# CHIEFS RISE ABOVE THE MOB

BY CATHERINE NORTINGTON '12  
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Straight from Leeds, England, the Kaiser Chiefs have returned with their third feature album, endearingly titled *Off With Their Heads*. In an attempt at redemption after 2007's critical blunder *Yours Truly, Angry Mob*, the Kaiser Chiefs teamed up with U.K. super-producer Mark Ronson (who has catapulted stars such as Amy Winehouse to international stardom) to have another go in achieving Britpop excellence.

The result? Well, it's not as bad as their last showing. *Off With Their Heads* demonstrates musical and rhythmic prowess on the parts of both the band and the producer—yet the group's melodic inventiveness has indisputably grown stale. While earlier Chiefs efforts begot distinctive tracks like the unforgettable "I Predict a Riot" (*Employment*, 2005), and similar riotous, glee-inducing tunes—*Off With Their Heads* fails to offer deliverance from the gloomy fate precipitated by the band's previous endeavor.

As disappointed as I was in the Chiefs' overall performance, it must be said that this band has a knack for riffy pop hooks that will get even the most

apathetic crowd up on its feet. While listening to such bouncy jams as "Like It Too Much," "Never Miss a Beat," and "Good Days Bad Days," you can easily envision yourself in a pub full of drunkards shouting along with the debauched refrains.

The album kicks off with "Spanish Metal," an intense track with hanging minor chords and powerful five-part harmonies. Those first banging guitar strikes will undoubtedly suck in any casual listener. The album continues with "Never Miss a Beat," a mutinous, funk-filled song that reflects on the sheer bliss of being ignorant ("it's cool to know nothin'").

"Like It Too Much" follows, boasting a catchy and playful quality that many Chiefs songs sadly lack. This track alone encapsulates the album's most favorable qualities. With a raging and bouncing beat, this song possesses an almost Beatle-like mastery of melody and charm. The band achieves this impressive effect with the help of James Bond composer David Arnold, whose brilliant production skills lend a classical feel to the piece. This professional quality, in addition to the band's pseudo-nonsensical and creative lyrics ("cause you are, descended from animals, and you are constructed of chemicals") will have you singing along in no time.

Another favorite of mine is "Always Happens Like That," a lighthearted and delightful ditty featuring guest

vocals by fellow British musical talent Lily Allen. The tune delivers a bouncy beat and a peppy, optimistic tone carries the song's chorus.

Conversely, a song than "Half the Truth" offers little more a monotonous chorus, leaving the listener less-than-impressed with its melancholic and dull, thumping beat. The same goes for "You Want History," whose repetitive, chanting chorus drags on for four relentless minutes (unless the listener contemplates the skip button, which in this case I would highly recommend).

The album concludes with "Remember You're A Girl," a mellow, rather tedious ballad whose distinctive echo-like intonations evoke sentiments of a funeral rather than a dance party or concert hall. Who wants to hear that?

While lacking the dynamic of the band's earliest and most-acclaimed album, *Off With Their Heads* gives the band a potential means of escape from the rut they created with *Yours Truly, Angry Mob*. While *Off With Their Heads* is certainly not a standard for pop excellence, the album boasts a number of catchy refrains and is well worth a listen.

The Kaiser Chiefs' sounds echo the music of other indie and rock bands like Bloc Party and The Fratellis. If you're into Britpop, then the Kaiser Chiefs are definitely worth a listen. I would suggest starting with their most celebrated album, 2005's *Employment*.

If you're going to invest in any



Chiefs have had the hook but are now ready to overcome past failures.

tunes from *Off With Their Heads*, I would suggest giving a listen to "Like It Too Much" and "Always Happens Like That." On the other hand, don't waste your time on yawn-inducers such as "You Want History" and "Half the Truth."

While overall a tasteful and intriguing album, *Off With Their Heads*' defining flaw is its lack of variety and distinctiveness, which is what makes edgy pop rock music so enjoyable in the first place.

GRADE: B-





# ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

By John Vaghi '10  
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With Barack Obama poised to become our next President on Jan. 21, it's time to start thinking about who should fill his cabinet. Here are some fictional icons who would have made a good fit if they actually existed.

## SECRETARY OF STATE: David Palmer

Arguably TV's most likable president, 24's David Palmer was a steadfast leader through four days of complete hell. With his bellowing confidence, an ideal sense of morality, and irresistible hug-ability, Palmer is one of the most stand-up and admirable characters ever crafted.



## SECRETARY OF TREASURY: Gordon Gekko

"Greed, for lack of a better word, is good..." Well, not everything can be progressive.



## SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: Horton the Elephant

Sarah Palin might be able to see Russia from her house in Alaska, but Horton the Elephant can hear Russia from his house in the Jungle of Nool (and that's all the way from the Wubbulous world, among the truffula trees where the grackle grass grows). We'll never be caught off-guard again.



## ATTORNEY GENERAL: Vincent 'Vinny' Gambini

He's everybody's *best* keep things raunchy).  
Honorable Mention: Elle Woods (minus the pet rat)



## SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE: Willy Wonka

Anyone who can grow flowers made of lollipops and candy cane trees should probably be the president (Wonka/Loompa 2012), but Secretary of Agriculture will do.



## SECRETARY OF COMMERCE: Milo Minderbinder

The infamous *Catch-22* mess officer obsessed with expanding operations and trade for the syndicate (where everyone has a share). From chocolate-covered Egyptian cotton to colarbones of some of our top saints, this obviously immoral and disloyal flitch would ensure that America will "come out of this war rich" (although everyone else might come out dead).



## SECRETARY OF LABOR: Jay Bulworth

Unafraid to say anything, Senator Bulworth is a brutally honest albeit controversial Caucasian Californian who donned baggy urban garb and hip-hopped his way into our hearts. "All we need is a voluntary, free-spirited, open-ended program of procreative racial deconstruction."



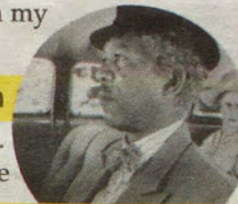
## SECRETARY OF HEALTH: Dr. Perry Cox

The misanthropic, bad boy Interim Chief of Medicine at *Scrubs'* Sacred Heart Hospital vomits as much sarcasm as he does medical advice (both, however, generously laced with whiskey). Though a cantankerous mess, Dr. Cox always acts in the best intentions of his patients ("Oh my God, I care so little I almost passed out").



## SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION: Hoke Colburn

Drove Miss Daisy and liked pie.  
Honorable Mention: Ms. Crabtree



## SECRETARY OF ENERGY: Montgomery Burns

Even though Mr. Burns is a sinfully wicked greed monger, if he can harness the bumbling likes of Homer Simpson to control nuclear reactions without destroying Springfield, then he can probably figure out how to spin a bunch of windmills (also most likely to find a way to convert endless supplies of incompetence into useable energy).



## SECRETARY OF EDUCATION: Billy Madison

Although everyone in America might be dumber for listening to him, progressive statesman Madison made peeing your pants socially acceptable, opened the door for blue ducks to frolic without ridicule, and was an inspiration for every elementary schoolboy who ever had a crush on their teacher.

Honorable Mention: *Magic School Bus'* Ms. Frizzle



## SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY: James Marshall

It's safe to assume that Harrison Ford's memorable "get off my plane" line from *Air Force One* could easily parlay into "get out my country" (or something more catchy ["lets blow this thing and go home!"]).

Honorable Mention: Olmec from *Legends of the Hidden Temple*



# A GOOD HUSBAND IS HARD TO FIND

BY PAUL PERRY '10  
A&E STAFF

After the excitement of electing a new President, I was very excited to see something funny, light, and with a touch of political subject matter. I headed down to the Sandra Feinstein Gamm Theatre in Pawtucket to see *An Ideal Husband* by Oscar Wilde. I was looking forward to seeing what is advertised as an; "Uproarious comedy of manners, errors and ethics," but boy was I let down. I must add a disclaimer saying that what I saw was a critics' preview, but all the main production values were present. The lights were on, the audience was there, and I expected better.

The characters were two-dimensional at best and I found myself understanding the entirety of each character within their first ten lines. The story is about a politician, Sir Robert Chiltern, played by Jim O'Brien, and his wife, Lady Chiltern, played by Casey Seymour Kim, whose happy life and public reputation

consumed they made JRW club night look like taking sips from the communal wine at mass, and only once did a character appear intoxicated.

The first moment of real acting came with the last scene in act one as Mr. and Mrs. Chiltern yelled at each other about how the moral purity of a husband is necessary for love, but the immoral need love, too. I was enthralled by the scene, but it didn't fit when put in context with the play. Therein lies my biggest gripe with the show. When looked at scene by scene, it was easy to say, "Wow, intense" or "how cute;" however, that's not how the play should have been looked at. There were individual moments that stuck out as being very well-acted but were inconsistent with the production as a whole. There were very tense moments between Mr. and Mrs. Chiltern as they tried to figure out how love could exist in their marriage now that Mrs. Cheveley had exposed the secret about Mr. Chiltern. There were also very funny moments between Mrs. Cheveley and the plucky young friend. However,



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put on the line when Mrs. Cheveley (Jeanine Kane) shows up to blackmail the husband into helping her. The rest of the play unfolds as husband, wife, and plucky younger friend try to save face and beat the woman at her own game. The play was supposed to revolve around clever little mix-ups and funny characters, but instead it seems like an attempt at a moral lesson.

The set was the interior of a well-decorated English home, painted with mostly red and pink pastels and a touch of blue. It was an attractive set but it contrasted oddly with the costumes. At one point Mr. and Mrs. Chiltern were on stage dressed in very rich and saturated brown and reds. As with the set, they were both very visually stimulating costumes, but it was a strange dissimilarity with the pastel reds and pinks of the home behind them. The props were all very appropriate to the time period and wealth of the families, except for one very modern-looking gin bottle with a bright red cap. Perhaps I'm being nitpicky, but with the amount of alcohol these characters

together, it didn't work. They combined to make some kind of mediocre comedy/drama that wasn't enough of either to be entertaining.

My favorite character was the one with the fewest lines. Lady Markby (played by Irene Handren) was the elderly mother in the play, and she was downright hilarious. She was on stage only three times, but was the only character I looked forward to seeing. R. Bobby played the very amusing butler named Phipps, Karen Carpenter played the young and annoying Miss Mabel Chiltern, and Alan Hawkridge played The Earl of Caversham, the typical wealthy grandfather. The best thing I can say about the cast as a whole is that they did a fantastic job continuing the scene when they were not engaged in the dialogue. Granted, pretty standard for a professional company, but pretty often I found myself more interested in what was going on silently between two characters than what I was supposed to listen to. My advice would be to skip the \$15 student price to see *An Ideal Husband*, and just pay \$5 to see something on campus instead.

"Woman begins by resisting a man's advances and ends by blocking his retreat."

-Oscar Wilde



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Two Forty Two  
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"Is there any special occasion for coming here tonight?" the waitress at Two Forty Two politely inquired as a couple friends and I entered for an early dinner. Although we shrugged and smiled, "no real reason," there were plenty of reasons why this day was of importance of which we were unaware. On this day in 1483, Martin Luther was born. In 1982, leader of the Soviet Union, Brezhnev died at age 75. But the impact of what happened on this day in 1969 would probably impact the world to an even greater extent: PBS aired the first episode of *Sesame Street*. While it was not a sunny day that had kept the clouds away, it was certainly a worthy evening to venture to Federal Hill for gourmet cuisine on what seemed like a very long Monday.

Two Forty Two, located on Atwells Avenue, is among many of the heavy-hitting Italian restaurants of Providence. While the restaurant's same high level of quality as its neighbors. Fusing Italian cuisine with New York-style and Californian dishes, Two Forty Two boasts entrees that sample what Italian-American food can mean from coast to coast. Even embracing the local Providence tradition, there's a pizza that contains an ingredient of drizzled bleu cheese. Although I didn't try the adaptation, the description didn't seem like Your Mother's or Frankly's late-night fat kid slice. Made of beef tenderloin and mashed potatoes, topped with melted bleu cheese and a wild mushroom demi glaze, at \$14 it wasn't priced like Golden Crust either.

Always one to voice his excitement, my friend told me to "look around and really take in the atmosphere." Although I appreciated his unbridled enthusiasm, to be honest, we had opened the place up as the first diners of the evening. As the hostess walked us along the bar, we slowed to stare with heads cocked to the side. MSNBC was showing clips of the Obamas' first entry to the White House, accompanied by Laura and W.: atmosphere embraced. I had found the historical significance of this day in the year 2008. Now, I was ready for a celebratory meal.

It looked as though a couple might enjoy the mood lighting, intimate seat-



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ing, and soft sounds of John Legend and the like in the background, but I was busy on my platonic man date bro-ing out. While one dining companion was deciding on which bottle of Pinot Grigio would be best, the other had on the rails. The setting of Two Forty Two is conducive to romantic dinners at tables for two or booths with plenty of room for camaraderie—even for those run over by Thomas Jones.

After much mulling over a somewhat cluttered menu, we started with an appetizer of French brie wrapped in a flaky pastry lightly garnished with almonds and apricot. I wolfed it down pretty fast, unlike the gentlemen who flanked me, savoring each deep flavor. While waiting for our entrees, we broke bread and double-dipped in olive oil. A more devout fan of Rachael Ray would probably be able to decipher whether it was indeed "E.V.O.O." Despite the fact that I, like Ray and all of America, run on Dunkin', I do not watch her show. Her forced smiles make me feel like I have to reciprocate with a cheesy grin faker than a *Hills* episode plot. (Oh, don't act like you're disinterested. You turn up your nose at Justin Bobby too.)

When our meals arrived, a silence rested on our salivating palettes. With bated breath, I watched the waitress place a sizeable steak to my left with a large protruding bone fit for Fred Flintstone, to my right a plate of veal that looked more tender than a Barry White song, and in front of me,

spinach and grape tomatoes draped with two luscious pieces of salmon. The certified Angus strip loin was smothered in a wild mushroom port wine demi glaze, partly because it sounded so good and partly because none of us could decide how to provide of Applewood, which was described as "the tastiest heart attack." The grilled veal (\$32) was covered in the same glaze with roasted asparagus, grape tomatoes, and the "cheesiest potatoes." My fresh Atlantic salmon (\$23) was peppered just right and covered in a thyme basil broth with a side of heirloom squash and roasted asparagus. Heeding the advice of my Cape-loving comrades, I enjoyed my first encounter with Wellfleet Little necks.

While I resisted the urge to yell the restaurant's name as if it were out of the mouth of a gruff quarterback, it was probably because my mouth was full of cake. The three of us easily split a buttery Bailey's crème brûlée and small but rich chocolate lava cake. By then we had eaten up almost two indulging hours and it was time to return to our responsibilities on campus. Although there were more historical events taking place on that day, such a delicious amalgam of Italian-American dishes shared among good friends is certainly one for the books. As the most literate PBS neighbor, Lavar, would say: "But you don't have to take it from me."

# Picks of the Week

By Neil Andrew Francisco '10  
A&E Staff



## Movie

*There Will Be Blood*  
Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson

If *No Country for Old Men* hadn't come out in 2007, this film would have surely taken the crown for Best Picture at the 80th Academy Awards. Alas, the Coen Brothers struck gold with that movie, leaving *There Will Be Blood* in the dusk. This is an incredible though, it's a speak for everyone in saying we're pretty tired of your typical ball-of-joy happy ending.

## Music



*Only by the Night*  
Kings of Leon  
RCA Records

Every song on this album is amazing. Record sales show that it's chasing the top spot for fastest selling record of the year in the U.K., following Coldplay's *Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends*, and we all know the UK knows their music (I mean really...The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Radiohead, Coldplay, etc). Take a minute, well actually 42 minutes, and listen to this album. I'm sure you're going to like songs like "Sex on Fire," "Be Somebody," and "Cold Desert."

## CALLING ALL PC STUDENT WRITERS AND ARTISTS

The 2009 edition of *The Alembic* is looking for work from you!

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## Book



*All the Way*  
By Andy Behrens

Have you noticed the recent movie releases of high school romances? Yeah, I did too. I think it's kind of cute, you know, to give kids that hope of a wonderful storybook romance in our modern day. Okay, maybe not. Still, this book is what the movie *Sex Drive* is based on, and if you got a chance to see the movie, you'll understand this book is hilarious. Besides, the main character ends up falling in love with a girl named Felicia. I'm a sucker for girls with pretty names.



# Pizza for a Higher Purpose

John Mango '10 Interviews a Local Pizza Establishment to Find It Provides More Than a Hot Slice

BY JOHN MANGO '10  
ASST. A&E EDITOR

Pizza shouldn't be too hard to make, I mean, am I right? Just bread, dough, tomato stuff, cheese, pizza stuff, and you cook it. Well that's what I thought before I came to PC. Then I ate Golden Crust and then, I ate Frankly's, and then I was forced to run out of Civ early because some of the chicken from one of those pleasant establishments decided to treat me like a dope head going cold turkey. Now look, unfortunately I love Golden Crust, probably because they put razor blades in the crust so the nicotine gets absorbed into your blood stream, or because next to Ray pizza it tastes like a sheet of hot trash which is better than cold trash, or something. But don't you ever take a bite and say, isn't there anything nearby that isn't made from concentrated Draino?

Enter LaSalle. Or enter Tim Lloyd to be more precise. The owner of LaSalle since 2006, making pizza since 2000, Tim is a retired college administrator. "I guess I had one of those life-crisis things" he says to me with a more than ironic chuckle. Despite his tousled hair and beard he doesn't appear disheveled. He comes off as pretty damn friendly. "I mean, it had to do with family." I was all ready to fire off a dull question as to which pizza facility he might eat besides his own when he lovingly referred to his competitors.

"Listen, Golden Crap and Frankly You Wish It Wasn't Pizza, it's junk, you wouldn't believe how many stories I've heard from kids getting sick from that stuff." Wait, wait, now it may be junk, but that stuff is my junk. Who's he to talk down to a dude that needs a fix? "We bake our dough fresh every morning." Well that's one on them I guess, but who cares, DiGorno is frozen, right? "We only use fresh vegetables and cheese" Pah! Fresh? Yeah ok that sounds pretty good. "We have a new wheat pizza" I can't desert Golden Crap, all the stuff we've been through together. "We have a full deli section, and we make lasagna, you name it." They also have their own line of soda called Uncle Timmy's that you might call the Sam Adams of pop. Interestingly enough when he says he changed careers for family, he has the creds to back it up. As far as people who give back to the community go it's hard to beat LaSalle's. The proceeds from his soda go to St. Mary's Home for Children, the Mt. Pleasant Library and the RI Blood Center.

"I've hired roughly 300 college kids in the time I've been making pizza." And as far as benefits go, he related a story in which one of his employees was having something of a tough time, committed an armed robbery and was facing a year in jail before his court date instead of bail. Tim let the kid stay at his house for a year. I'm not trying to make this some sort of pedestal



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Not only does Tim Lloyd of LaSalle Pizzeria bake a good slice, he also spreads a significant amount of time and revenue giving back to the community.

raising performance for Mr. Lloyd, but as far as loyalty to the community goes, he's pretty hard to beat. The one down side: "We don't deliver late anymore, I don't want to deal with the drunk people, I'm getting too old." So there's that, but they

So where the heck does the name LaSalle Pizzeria come from? Well Tim originally considered the titles Two Poor Guys' Pizza and Uncle Timmy's, but he decided the first was a little off putting despite the truth to its asser-

tions, and "who the heck knows what Uncle Timmy's might sell, we coulda done nails with the same name." LaSalle is a local title he took to nestle his pizza place right in the area.

All I know is pizza is as pizza does, and Golden Crap and Frankly It's Trash do a lot of bad to me. So next time you're holding that menu, pondering the PC sub special, do everyone a favor, try LaSalle. The pie there is damn good.

## A Model Comedy

New David Wain and Paul Rudd Flick Crosses the Age Gap...Legally

BY C.W. TOMPKINS '09  
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The spotlight has been calling for Paul Rudd since the late 90s. His simple comedic talents have only enjoyed leading man status a couple of times in his career. Rudd has never been obscure but also never the subject of a film; always a great presence in ensemble casts (like *The Ten* or *Wet Hot American Summer*) but not a protagonist, never someone we could relate to but certainly someone we couldn't help but like. Then came *Knocked Up* and I think that's when it hit us and his compatriots in the business. Rudd was ready to step out of the dugout.

Chances are Paul Rudd has had something to do with every movie you have laughed at in the past 10 years. Somehow he has been able to infiltrate the two budding comic schools of the last decade and integrate into each seamlessly. He was not an original member of *The State* but somehow Rudd has found his way into every production involving any combination of its original members (i.e. *Reno: 911*, *Stella*, and *The Baxter*). He has also enjoyed similar success under the tutelage of Judd Apatow (*The 40 Year Old Virgin*, and *Anchorman*).

Role Models is Rudd's writing debut as well as the most ambitious production he has had to carry. Of course he gets help from Sean William Scott, half the cast of *The State* (including David Wain, who directed this film) and two of the funniest kids in Hollywood. Rudd plays Danny, an underachieving and disillusioned energy drink salesman who goes from school to school attempting to get children to substitute drugs with his ADD-inducing tonic. Wheeler (William Scott), his best friend and the goofy Minotaur mascot of the company, goes along with Danny on his public speaking gigs. Wheeler is very happy with his career

and Lothario lifestyle. The two play off each other well and their vastly contrasting personalities are brought together by hilarious deadpan banter—something that has become very common in the modern film comedy that values improvisation so much.

On one of his outings Danny cracks and in a caffeine-induced rampage proceeds to spit profanity and pro-drug rhetoric at the children of a middle school before assaulting a tow-truck driver and steering his Minotaur-shaped gas-guzzler up the backside of a horse statue (a relatively graphic image). In lieu of a prison sentence the pair is sentenced to 150 hours with a mentoring program where they meet their punishment.

Bobb'e J. Thompson plays a prepubescent Eddie Murphy (well, Eddie Murphy before *The Nutty Professor*, I do believe this to be the film that castrated the man) who gives Wheeler quite a ride before realizing he can learn a lot about the ladies from the depraved slacker. Danny is paired with the shy Augie Farks (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), a lovable dweeb who is obsessed with *Laurel*, a live action medieval battle game that nerds play in the woods behind school. The two also ultimately end up bonding over their dissatisfaction with the modern world and their spot in it. The film is not only hilarious but sobering in how it deals with its relationships. It is not a traditional buddy comedy nor is it a typical rom-com.

You will be able to recognize almost every supporting character from either an Apatow or Wain movie. *Role Models* is a Frankenstein monster, taking a limb from *Ricky Bobby*, a right buttock from *Superbad*, and the nipple of *The Brothers Solomon*, but the brain is all Rudd and Wain. It is a logical progression from modern comedy's humble origins in *Anchorman*; a movie about a



Mentoring men, Rudd and William Scott enjoy some quality time (forced by the, of course) with their new best buds Mintz-Plasse and Thompson.

man who loves himself, from there we come to father/son love (*Kicking and Screaming*). After that comes all kinds of different and absurd forms of man/lady love (*The 40 year Old Virgin*, *Knocked Up*, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*). And then we get weird with man on man love (*Superbad*, *Pineapple Express*). You might say that pretty much runs the gamut, right? Wrong! You are forgetting man/boy love (I know the fellows over at NAMBLA didn't forget). *Role Models* is primarily a film about finding meaning and purpose in another. It has all the elements of a romantic comedy but used in a completely different setting. It's like using a gun to catch fish; more effective and the people that eat the fish can't tell the difference.

There are a couple of things people might not enjoy about *Role Models*, however. First of all, Jane Lynch (*Best in Show*) who plays the director of the outreach program is a bit of a disposable character. She is frustratingly

awkward at times and the whole, "I did cocaine," thing really wasn't funny. Also, you might feel a lack of closure at the end. I am not going to say why; it just feels like a couple of things didn't get resolved. I didn't mind it though because I feel as though certain questions were replaced over the course of the film and really didn't need to be answered.

You can catch David Wain on Adult Swim. He plays the warden on *Superjail!*, probably the bloodiest and funniest show running new episodes on the channel right now. Rudd will take up one more starring role in *I Love You, Man*, another buddy comedy that comes out in January. He will play opposite Jason Segel (*Forgetting Sarah Marshall*), another student of Judd Apatow, and new writer/leading man. But until then, enjoy some man/boy love.

GRADE: B+







# History Inviolate

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She wrung her hands so hard that her fingers ached and her joints cracked. Watching the news with her friends, she tried to keep herself from crying, from screaming, from running up to the screen and kicking it in—anything she could do to release all that helpless, objectless anger. She knew the figures, knew about the Black vote and the Female vote, the Christian Right vote and the Gun vote (which were sometimes the same), and all the other demographics. She watched as it happened, completely helpless.

She'd voted this morning. She'd cast her ballot, her faith in her country strong and optimistic, and had waited the rest of the day, jittery, to hear the results. The pie graphs on the TV screen glared red and blue like a bad 3-D movie and she watched as they destroyed so many of her hopes and dreams. Those percentiles were her future, and she was helplessly watching it slip away.

Mike walked up to her and hugged her as the clock hands made it all the way to 3 a.m., compass needles pointing toward the exhaustion that she already knew was her destiny. She was shaking, and Mike felt like he had to hold on to her athletic frame to keep her from shivering right out of her skin, desperate fury humming in her bones. "Hey," he said, trying to get her attention. "Hey, Carrie! Hey!"

She looked up realizing that she'd started to panic. She took a deep breath. "I'm sorry, Mike." She tried to calm herself down.

He rubbed her back and hugged her tight. "It's all right, we'll fight this. You know we will. There's still time."

His murmurings were both calming and infuriating. She wanted to yell at Mike too, for not understanding, for not realizing how devastating watching the numbers on the TV screen was for her. She let him hug her, and then, reviled, moved away and wandered aimlessly through the crowd of people who'd come together for the election party. Some were cheering, some were arguing, some were even completely ignoring the displays CNN was shuffling through like a mad-hatter with

too many decks of cards. It was dizzying and her already roiling stomach threatened to join her quick-beating heart in rebellion.

There was a free spot on a couch next to a group of people locked in debate, jungle cats at each other's throats just for the night.

Carrie knew that in the morning they would forget all about their argument, about how different they'd thought they were from each other the night before, about how they'd thought that their lives had hinged on the outcome of this historic night. Unlike her, who would wake up tomorrow to a changed world, a nation that would think and be entirely different than the nation that would go to bed with her the night before. If she went to bed at all, that is. If she could stop shaking, stop staring at the numbers and the colors in a bizarre hypnosis that threatened to overwhelm her in an epileptic tidal wave of sheer panic.

The next hour saw most people leave the party waving, smiling or frowning, excited or pensive. Carrie watched them all, feeling as forlorn as the last whale in Japanese waters, just waiting for the inevitable. Mike hugged her goodbye when she finally left, walking home in a daze. Up the three flights to her apartment. Down the hall. Take the key out. Open the door.

The one bedroom was dark, and she tried to stay quiet, but she bumped into the kitchen table and heard the thing scratch across the floor loud enough to raise the dead. She winced at the sound.

"Carrie? Is that you?" a sleepy-sounding voice asked from the bedroom.

Carrie walked over to the bed and sat down. She bent over and offered the sleepy face on the pillow a kiss on the forehead.

"Yeah, it's me, baby."

"How'd it go?" the sleep-colored voice asked.

Carrie fingered her wedding ring and tried to keep herself from crying. "Not so good, Jess."

Jessica sat up and hugged her wife. Their wedding bands caught the first red ray of sunlight, 6:30 a.m. in San Diego, California. The world outside their window was different now, and it would be harder than ever to face—even if they were facing it together.

"We could always move to Boston," Jessica said. Like Carrie, she was trying not to cry. Their foreheads touched as they held one another.

"What are they going to do next? No adopting children. No getting married. Do we have to wear rainbows over our hearts and walk in the gutters too?"

"Shh." Jess pulled Carrie closer, and held on tight. "We'll get through this, baby, I promise."

Carrie couldn't make herself say anything. Words would imply that she either had hope or was without it, and neither was a reality she wanted to face right now.

She stroked the long brown hair that hung down Jess' back, as her wife twisted her fingers through Carrie's blonde curls. They would get through this, of course they would.

The question was how much it was going to hurt, and how much it would rob them of before they were done.



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## Wave n' Dry to Insanity

BY TOM NAILOR '12  
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Harkins Hall, fourth floor, about 2:17 p.m.. Enter yours truly on the scene and then exeunt into the men's bathroom. As I finish washing my hands, the cold water refreshing me on such a muggy day, the unthinkable happens. Even as I

wave my hands, still dripping water on the tile floor, underneath the towel dispenser, no response. As I realize that this device is obviously looking for more, I begin to gesticulate wildly under the machine, despite the concerned look of a solitary Friar who enters the bathroom behind me. Apparently, the simple idea of clean, dry hands is not to be mine today.

When something is a nuisance, I began to consider how best to phrase it to others when I inevitably let them know what exactly had happened. And I decided on this more metaphysical idea: the emergence of such things as the automatic Purell station, timed faucets, and now this despicable paper dispenser, this damnable "Wave N' Dry," is merely catering to the ignorance and laziness of the common man.

Now, before a tirade of angry readers gets its philanthropic pens out, let me speak. These advances, these sensory flushers, these auto-turn off faucets, even this "Wave N' Dry," all have their place. I know that they help to conserve water, they assist people who cannot necessarily get up to the lever to release towels, and they make our lives that much easier. Nevertheless, in doing so, what are we losing? When I have to elbow down on the faucet-starter merely because my hands are covered in too much soap from an auto-dispenser, and then, when after all this I can't even get a damned towel from the wall, there is something that has to be said.

I would like to think that all of us, or at least all of the Providence College community, know when to stop taking towels, or to turn the water off after our hands are clean, or perhaps most obvious of all, to flush the toilet when we're done with it. These automatic devices, boon that they might be to some, are more than an inconvenience. I would say that they slow me down even more with my already way too busy schedule. Moreover, it implies to people psychologically that they can merely live their lives without being truly concerned about the resources they consume, or with the messes they leave behind. In addition, it means that people can be lazy about these things as well as being ignorant.

So the next time you walk by a pile of Purell thanks to a faulty machine dripping onto the ground, or when (like me) you can't get any type of towel to wipe off your hands besides your own pants leg, or when the toilet flushes underneath you, remember: Do not be lazy and ignorant. Consider how much you're consuming and what waste you're leaving. And if I forever have to live with automatic dispensers, flushers, and soon everything else, for God's sake improve the damn sensors so I don't embarrass myself in front of another Dominican when he thinks I'm possessed as I gesticulate wildly underneath the Wave N' Dry station.

## crosshair chase

BY ALEX DONNELLY '09  
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Things in our old neighborhood were not O.K.

The only civilians pulling enough dowry were the ones aiming the crosshairs we sidestepped in the street on our morning bread run.

Here, no one understands our tongue, barring those, whose boat passenger tickets have similar serial numbers.

But we've figured out what the numbers on the elevator buttons mean and we do take the weight capacity into account.

The sun, the moon, the hands on the watch document a victory as unexpected as it is undefined.



# Catastrophe's Impact (Part 4)

BY CONOR LEARY '11  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

"I've never seen a Starbucks so deserted," Sylvia said.

She had been glancing constantly over her shoulder, wondering why a crazy group of teenage girls had not come to gawk at the celebrity heartthrob she sat with. She avoided Charlie Shepherd's gaze at all costs until their eyes connected and she was grounded in the odd sensation she had in the church. She felt protected when he was looking at her, safe before the imminent destruction of earth. Her fingers were cold, even against the warm container holding her lightly sweetened tea, and they trembled endlessly. She crossed her ankles and shifted in her seat as Charlie reached out to touch her hand for the third unsuccessful time.

"It seems impossible," he muttered as he pulled his hands back to his side of the small circular table and looked around the coffee shop.

The only barista on shift was currently staring at the cash register with tears streaking down her face. When the two had entered, she had barely responded to the bell that announced a customer's entrance. She had worked immensely through her common task, preparing Sylvia's simple tea request and Charlie's double espresso with double shots of caramel flavoring with trembling hands and a white face. Now she tried to donate a sense of ambiance to the only two customers in

the place by not invading with her silent tears.

Sylvia could not look at the girl who was thin and depressed, a seventeen-year-old girl caught like many children in the approaching destruction. Sylvia felt a feeling rising in her, the memory of those children attached to the sticky fingers that desecrated book after book and her eyes began to water. She bowed her head so he wouldn't see but she felt the warmest touch against her skin as his hand covered hers. She looked up sharply but this did not frighten him away. He had held her hand in the church and his face had gone unbelievably blank. Now his face was full of an emotion she could not believe Charlie Shepherd had within him: compassion.

"Everything's going to be..."

"Don't!" Sylvia snapped.

Everyone was saying that: reporters, her friends, her family, scientists! She wanted to tear her hand away from his ignorance and somehow motion to the sky, to its doomed color. She had not given up on life; life had given up on her. Her gaze was hostile when she met his again, but he did not turn away. He leaned closer to their hands, fingers entangled like those of lovers soaking in every last fleeting moment they had.

"I have seen something..." Charlie Shepherd was whispering to her and certainly not sweet nothings, for Sylvia was sure she would take her hand back and use it to slap him across the face. Once he told her this, he removed his hand and Sylvia felt safety disap-

pear from her. Her spine leaned towards him across the table to reach out for him again, but she was sure to stop herself.

"You have to be completely open to what I'm about to tell you. I have seen the asteroid. I have seen it destroy this entire city."

She didn't need to hear this. It was yesterday that the technology of NASA was able to show the asteroid's path zooming past Mars. It was monstrous. It made Sylvia's throat close. "We all have Mr. Shepherd." She barked as if he'd been trying to achieve some glory out of knowing what the earth's destroyer looked like. He looked away from her, his eyes skating across the tiled floor as if to find some courage he had dropped.

He spent moments seeking out his words as Sylvia grew agitated, her eyes falling to her watch. She had less than three days to do whatever she wanted for no child was going to school these days. After praying for the world's salvation and, as always, that book burning be banished for eternity, she thought about locking herself in the New York City Public Library and enjoying every book she could. Charlie had stopped her from doing that, from diving into a pool of tranquility that would easily take her into the next world.

She had decided to leave, to gather her purse and take her tea with her when Charlie sprang, snatching her hand in his again.

"I have seen what is to come in my head. It was like a dream, but more."

Whatever he was saying, Sylvia didn't hear it. She saw the truth in his eyes, the color flickering as he revealed the potent secret to her. She held his hand in hers as the stamina and ego he wore on camera melted away. He looked strangely human.

"What do you mean?" The answer to her question was aborted by a scream from the barista. They sprang up from their seats and found the girl trembling by the window, her finger pointing at something in the distance. Charlie pulled Sylvia out of the store and once she had tripped to a stop, she found the streets alive with terror. People stared in one general direction, beyond the Empire State Building and let out their fear. Screams echoed around her as Sylvia gripped Charlie's hand, her eyes searching for the danger. When Charlie gripped her hand like he had in the church, she followed his gaze.

The asteroid had burned a hole through the atmosphere and was now visible days in advance. It seemed to hover in its position high above the city, but somehow Sylvia knew it was moving faster than she perceived. She felt her knees growing weak and her head heavy. Her body tilted and she threw herself into Charlie's shoulder to block out the searing pain.

"What happens?" She asked, her mind quiet and filled only by a tiny sizzling noise, the atmosphere overheating and dissolving.

"I lose you."

To be concluded...



## Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place, one letter at a time...



Dear Wooing:

Are you the type of guy who doesn't stay single for long? If the answer is yes, that makes you a hopeless romantic or an idiot. I don't mean to say that relationships are inherently idiotic. I actually happen to be a big fan of relationships, but only when they're done right. Any relationship that you rush into will almost certainly fail. It's a fact, and if you don't believe me I'll refer you to my dear friend Matthew.

The fact is, Ry-Guy, no matter how clean your breakup was and no matter how great this new girl is, you really do need to space out your relationships a bit. Spend some time flirting away any residual feelings you might have for your ex. That way when you do find a new gal to call your own you won't have to worry about reducing her to a rebound, which I think is what you're afraid of doing.

I'm not saying that you need to grieve for your ended relationship, necessarily, since there may be no need to. You probably do need some time to collect yourself, become comfortable with your singularity. Once you do that, pursuing Miss Total Package will be better both for you, the wooer, and her, the wooed.

But, if you're the type of guy who doesn't stay single for long, this probably isn't going to sink in. In that case you sort of deserve to crash and burn in your next endeavor. Hopefully you'll learn something from that and not just get trapped in a cycle of endless rebound flings.

Tiffany

This Week...  
How soon is too soon?

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I recently broke up with my girlfriend. It was a clean break with no messiness or tears on either side and we've been able to still enjoy our mutual friends and activities. The thing is that I just met this girl who is beautiful and sweet—a real "total package" kind of thing. Am I in the clear to go for her or is there an appropriate grieving period that I should be observing?

—Wooing Ryan

Write to Tiffany and Earl!  
AskTiffanyEarl@yahoo.com

Ryan Kenny Woo,  
Obviously you know what I am going to say to this. If not, you definitely don't read this column on a regular basis so screw you anyway. Just refer back to the March 27, 2007 issue. You'll get your answer there. So in lieu of answering your question I'm going to rant like a crazy person.



Things Earl wishes were invented when he was a child:

Gameboy  
Oregon Trail  
Handlebar mustache  
Rape whistle  
Rickshaw (driven by Tiffany)  
Hallucinogens  
European beaches (the nude kind)  
AdFuture toys (they're awesome trust me).

Hollywood actresses that need a slap in the mouth:

Chelsea Handler  
Helen Hunt  
Lindsay Lohan (Duh)  
Ann Heche (what's the deal, in or out?)  
Megan Fox (Stop calling your vag a pie.)  
Yasmine Bleeth  
Denise Richards  
Ingrid Bergman (Yeah, I know she's dead.)  
Ashley Olsen

Diseases I just invented right now:

Hemorrhagic fever (not from monkeys)  
Erectile function (the opposite of ED)  
Rectal mange  
Persistent endrogenization  
Ephemeral wood pox (smells good)  
Synoptic felching: (See definition of synoptic. Then see definition of felching.)

EARL



# Hearing Rhapsody Repeat

BY KATIE CALIVA  
PORTFOLIO EDITOR

She slips in her earbuds and raises the volume, reducing the organic and synthetic sounds of her environment to a dull blur around her. Stowing her iPod safely in her pocket she raises the latch on her gate and begins to walk.

FICTION

0:25

Enter the violin, smooth and solemn, singing a melancholy song over the sweet piano. They work together for a few seconds but then the piano abruptly exits, leaving the violin alone. Alone like she is, crunching her way through the fallen, dried leaves lining the roads and sidewalks. She was alone on a campus that is usually brimming with people. It is an in-between time, one of those rare periods when you can wander around without having your thoughts punctuated by saying hello to passersby.

1:10

It is still too early for a mass exit from classes. It is just her and the violin (the piano not yet back in rhapsody) as she loops around an academic building and cuts across the quadrangle to the library.

2:51

Avoiding a face that she might recognize she darts down a side path, just as the piano reenters with a new, quick tempo. Hopping over a low, stone wall she lands on a sidewalk that allows you to circumambulate campus. As the violin hurries to match the rapidity of the piano, she hears footsteps quicken behind her. They follow her and she grows increasingly nervous as the piano strives to meet the deep sorrow of the violin. Both she and the instruments are seeking the same thing—serenity—but they only find turmoil.

3:24

Her follower catches up to her and reveals himself to be a dear friend, just as the piano and violin stop bickering over nuances and come to a state of peacefulness. Her friend smiles and

falls into step beside her, not so bold as to intrude upon her meditation.

4:21

He meanders with her, back on to campus and towards his building. She feels her heart heave as the most poignant violin solo begins. Her thoughts agitated in contemplation remember the first time she heard this song, a memory that leads to thoughts of an unhappier sort. A desire to cry overcomes her.

5:07

As the violin crescendos to the pinnacle of its heart-wrenching solo, her friend blows her a kiss and breaks away from the main path. She watches him go as the piano takes control, talking the violin down from its emotional breaking point.

5:49

The last few notes resonate and she breathes a prayer of thanksgiving that she held it together. A beau once told her that she was the most beautiful when she allowed herself to be vulnerable, but she always resisted being anything short of collected.

0:03

The calm piano agrees with her. It is much better to always be in control, to never allow yourself to be...

0:46

The violin cuts in, refusing to let her Apollonian side win out. Her thoughts stop; she and the piano hold their breath as the violin rants at them and their passivity.

1:40

She knows that the violin is trying to tell her something, but she can't quite determine what. She can't hear as clearly anymore; it is speaking too quickly and melding its voice with the noises of her peers as they move between academic buildings. In a few moments, perhaps, when the herding period is over and new round of classes begin, she might be able to understand it better then.

3:30

Why so frantic? She still can't comprehend, but she so badly wants to.

No, don't slow down. She begs it to keep going, keep telling, keep trying. She knows that piano will talk the violin out of its passion, but all the parties involved need nothing so badly as that passion right now.

4:54

If the soul is immaterial, how can she feel it move so physically within her as it does at this very moment? It is struggling against its carbon-based cage, demanding an immediate release with no promise of ever re-admitting itself to captivity.

5:07

She lets her tears fall this time. She is safe, has found shelter in the shade of

a rock. There is nothing to fear in any amount of the autumnal dust upon which she sits. There is no one to judge her or pity her if she weeps. There is only a cathartic sorrow in the lamentations of the violin.

The song plays and replays in a loop that only she can break. She chooses not to. Instead, she closes her eyes and leans against the rock. She thinks of solitude and joy, grief and the companionship to which she will eventually return. For now, however, she is content to count the blades of grass in front of her, wondering if God would insert a violin, should He ever choose to compose a rhapsody.

## Cut and Paste

BY NICOLE AMARAL '10  
ASST. PORTFOLIO EDITOR

[lines]  
on the sidewalk beg to be stepped on. I  
[twist]  
my will to step  
[in]  
-side the squares  
[new]  
shoes lead the way in the same old  
[directions].  
I remembered  
[the first]  
time I did it. I wondered, why bother  
[changing]?  
Seems too hard to be in it for the long haul  
[all]  
of us... or maybe just me, were astounded  
[that]  
it could be so easy not to  
[follow]

## This Patrol Base Sucks

BY BOBBY BRETZ '12  
PORTFOLIO STAFF

a thousand points of light  
(a great deal fewer actually)  
i saw 'em in the woods one night  
like sylvan spirits only they  
made a hell of a lot more noise

but a thousand steps away  
an i done broke a thousand leaves  
i wish i said to number one  
(he had a bigger light)  
this aint no base its shite

cause there you sit all pissed and thinkin  
bout all your friends (and what theyre  
drinkin)  
its friggin cold your neighbor gripes  
and not to be out-gripped you gripe  
this aint no base  
its shite

## SECONDHAND NEGATIVES



"scenes from an irish foodery"

—John Vaghi '10



## BOP's Margaritaville! featuring Parrot Beach LIVE!!

McPhail's  
Saturday, 11/15  
9 pm



LIVE SHOW!  
FRI. 11/14, 9PM

### Body Image & Eating Disorder Awareness

What it is... What it isn't...

Tuesday November 18, 2008 7:30 PM  
Slavin G01

Personal Story by a PC Grad

Health Education and Wellness, Personal Counseling

### Exposed: Fashion Show

Friday, October 14, 2008

Begins at 7:00 PM

Slavin '64 Hall

This year's Afro-Am fashion show will be showcasing for first time local designers.

It will still feature local vendors who provide clothing and support.

The fashion show is also a way for the club members to express their culture while gaining confidence on the runway.

Financial Documentary

### I.O.U.S.A

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

'64 Hall

Explore the rapidly growing national debt and its consequences to the United States and its citizens.

A brief discussion with Dr. Bill Hudson of the PSC Department will follow the film.

Take ownership of your nation's financial future by educating yourself on the facts!

Pi Sigma Alpha and the Economics Club

### TRAVELING FOR THANKSGIVING?

Shuttle Service to T.F. Green Airport

DEPART FROM REAR OF RAYMOND HALL:

Tuesday, November 25 at 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5pm

Reserve your seat in advance at the SAIL Office, Slavin 104  
\$5 per person, one way

Seating is limited and will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Office of Student Activities-Involvement-Leadership

### Oxfam Hunger Banquet

What can you do to stop world hunger? Come to the Oxfam Hunger Banquet: An interactive dinner where you can learn more about the world food crisis and how you can help!

With guest speaker *Gabriel Barreras from OXFAM America!*

Sunday, November 16  
6:00pm in '64 Hall

Tickets are \$3 and will be available

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Ray

All proceeds will benefit the poverty fighting efforts of OXFAM International  
Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Amnesty International as part of Hunger Awareness week

### PC Dance Club Fall Performance!

November 22 at 8:00

November 23 at 2:00

Angell Blackfriars Theatre

Tickets:

\$2.00 – Students/Children

\$5.00 – General Admission

Tickets on Sale 1 hour before Show.

Doors Open 1/2 hour before Show.





## WDOM Sponsors: OPEN MIC NIGHT!!

Thursday Nov. 20th from 6:30-9pm

**Open Mic Night** is a chance for people to come and perform some of their favorite songs, slam poetry, comedy, or anything else that is fun.

**Sign-Ups:** WDOM's studio (located in lower slavin) or by emailing wdomdj@yahoo.com.

**Admission:** Suggested Donation of \$3 to benefit BMSA's Darfur FundOR an unwrapped toy for Campus Ministry's Giving Tree Project

Please come and show support for your friends and help others all at the same time!

## QUIT TIPS

THERE IS **NO RIGHT WAY** TO  
QUIT SMOKING.  
**DO WHATEVER**  
**WORKS FOR YOU.**

November 20, 2008

**Just do it**

**Great American  
Smoke out**

## Hunger Awareness Week

Sunday November 16th 2008, 6pm '64 Hall  
**OXFAM Hunger Banquet:**

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet is an experiential dinner that highlights the inequalities that exist in our world. This year, we are focusing on the current Global Food Crisis and will feature a speaker to highlight the important issues facing the hungry and poor. Tickets are \$3 will be sold October 11th-14th at Ray and at the door; all proceeds benefit the poverty fighting efforts of Oxfam International.

Monday November 17th,  
**Raymond Cafeteria**

**Ray Weigh.**  
How much do we waste as a campus? We are about to find out!

Tuesday November 18th, 7pm  
**Campus Ministry Center**

**Film and Reflection on Hunger and Poverty.**  
Screening of "When did you see me hungry?" with reflection on hunger and poverty to follow.

The 37 minute film, narrated by Martin Sheen, is a photographic meditation on the plight of the poor and our responsibility to help. Gerard Thomas Straub spent months living among the poor in the impoverished sections of 29 cities in nine nations: India, Brazil, Kenya, Jamaica, the Philippines, Mexico, Italy, Canada, and the US. The photographs, which document the life of the poorest of the poor, including a leper colony in Brazil, are taken from a startling and disquieting series of 250 intensely personal black-and-white photographs.

Wednesday November 19th 7pm McPhail's  
**Panel on the Global Food Crisis**

Come join the discussion on the causes and solutions to the global food crisis. A variety of perspectives from different disciplines and perspectives highlighting the main causes of the crisis will be presented. A question and answer period about hunger will follow.

Thursday November 20th 7pm,  
**Campus Ministry Center**

**Heifer International Interactive Presentation**  
Come learn about important solutions to solving hunger in this fun and interactive presentation! Heifer International is an organization that promotes sustainable development for impoverished families in the third world. Heifer works by giving "living loans" (livestock) to farmers in struggling areas, then the families "pass on the gift" to another family by donating the livestock.

Friday, November 21st-  
Saturday, November 22nd

**30-Hour Fast**  
The 30 Hour Fast is an opportunity to join in solidarity with the millions of people who face chronic hunger everyday. Fasters will start at noon on Friday and end at 6pm on Saturday. Along with fasting, activities, opportunities for service and other fun things will be in the Chapel Basement starting Friday at 6pm until 6pm Saturday. All participants are invited to "break the fast" with a breakfast style dinner. Sign-ups will be available in the Campus Ministry Center and at Ray November 9th and 10th.



**Cowl  
News  
Staff**

positions still available



**at pace  
with the world**

apply today in Slavin G05

JRW was a blast  
sadly it went by really fast

I think we all had mucho fun  
like that baseball game I won

The nights were clubby, but then formal  
I wish I had a dog named Stormo

I bet we made some memories  
Like swinging briskly from apple trees

Apples taste so good sometimes  
Almost as good as apple pie!

JRW, what a ride!

-anonymous





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*What class do you wish was offered  
at Providence College?*



*"Kamasutra."*

Kerry Maxey '11, Conor Brown '11



*"Wine Tasting."*

Blathnaid Mahon '09, Erin Lanni '09



*"Home Ec."*

Colleen Greer '11, Kelli Milewski '11, Lauren  
Bedard '11, Sarah Moran '11, Bridget Correia '09



*"Astrology."*

Sean Montville '11, Beth Graber '09



*"Potions with Prof. Snape."*

Caitlin Giblin '09



*"Tattoo artistry. "*  
-Barbara Walters



# Friars Scoreboard

Scores -- Standings -- Statistics -- Schedules -- Standouts

## Standouts



Matt Bergland

Men's Hockey  
Freshman—Faribault, Minn.

Bergland tallied his second goal of the season and two assists over the weekend for the Friars.



Kelly Krahenbuhl

Volleyball  
Senior—Larkspur, Colo.

Krahenbuhl recorded a career-high 36 digs against Quinnipiac, and moved into fifth place on the all-time Friars digs list.

## Scores

Friday, 11/7  
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Vermont T, 2-2  
Women's Ice Hockey at Robert Morris W, 3-1

Saturday, 11/8  
Men's Basketball vs. Slippery Rock W, 105-84  
Men's Soccer at St. John's L, 1-0  
Field Hockey at Syracuse L, 3-1  
Volleyball vs. Quinnipiac W, 3-1  
Men's Swim & Dive vs. Montclair W, 208.5-85.5  
Women's Swim & Dive vs. Montclair W, 160-123  
Women's Swim & Dive vs. Rhode Island L, 204-88  
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Notre Dame L, 4-1  
Women's Ice Hockey at Robert Morris W, 5-2

Wednesday, 11/12  
Volleyball vs. Rhode Island L, 3-0

## Schedules

Friday, 11/14  
Women's Basketball vs. Brown 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Maine 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11/15  
Men's Basketball vs. Northeastern 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Cross Country at NCAA Regionals 10:00 a.m.  
Women's Cross Country at NCAA Regionals 10:00 a.m.  
Men's Swim & Dive vs. Bryant 1:00 p.m.  
Women's Swim & Dive vs. Bryant 1:00 p.m.  
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Maine 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11/16  
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Connecticut 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/18  
Men's Basketball vs. Dartmouth 7:00 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at Hartford 7:00 p.m.

## Standings

### Men's Hockey East (11/12)

Team	Hockey East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Northeastern	4	1	1	6	1	2
Boston University	3	1	0	6	1	0
New Hampshire	2	0	2	4	2	3
Boston College	3	2	0	5	3	0
Massachusetts	2	1	1	4	2	1
Vermont	1	2	1	4	2	2
Maine	1	2	0	4	3	0
UMass-Lowell	1	2	0	3	4	1
Merrimack	1	3	0	3	4	1
Providence	0	4	1	2	5	1

### Women's Hockey East (11/12)

Team	Hockey East		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
Boston University	4	0	5	2	3
Boston College	3	0	6	1	2
Connecticut	3	1	6	3	2
Northeastern	3	1	6	1	2
New Hampshire	2	1	6	1	3
Providence	2	2	5	5	1
Maine	0	4	2	8	0
Vermont	0	4	2	8	0



# HOLT: 'Davis or Robinson' Debate Is Irrelevant

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the decision not to hire Robinson and to hire Davis is irrelevant and out of line. Davis, after all, has yet to coach a regular season game with the Friars. Robinson has yet to coach a game at Oregon State.

What kind of message does this debate send? I can only imagine what he, his staff, or his players thought when they saw this discussion, which by *ProJo* standards, exploded online. What does a recruit think when he sees his potential future coach talked about in this way before he has a chance to prove himself?

And, I'm not the first to write about this. ESPN columnist Andy Katz called the story and its poll a slap to Davis. How embarrassing.

Now to be fair, Reynolds' article never touched on the subject, so as far as I'm concerned, he does not have any blame for this poll. Whoever thought it was wise to put it up, however, certainly wasn't thinking. I understand you want readers and you want Web site hits, but is opening the new coach up for shots the best way to do it? Where's the integrity in that?

This was supposed to be the season of new beginnings for PC basketball. Gone, at least for the time being, was the disdain for the coach. Gone was the negativity. Fans could take some time off from second-guessing.

I guess not, though. Here's a sampling of some of the comments made by these self-professed basketball analysts—some real mental giants of the game:

"Yes, they spent their time talking with Rick Pitino living in the late '80s. I love Rick and what he did for us but they blew it, again. It is getting hard to route for them when they continually shoot themselves in the foot." You just have to love it when they "forget" to hit spell check.

"Craig Robinson is too good of a man for PC, so it never would have worked out. Not sure how Keno Davis will do, but good luck to him." What

does that even mean?

Most people who know anything about the coaching search will tell you that it didn't come down to Robinson vs. Davis. Robinson was already hired at OSU before the Friars signed Davis, so the debate is irrelevant.

From my dealings, Craig Robinson is a very nice person who has worked for and found success everywhere he has gone—be it playing basketball, the business world, or in coaching. If I were to place a bet, I would say he will do very well at Oregon State, and I hope he does. His brother-in-law will be sworn in as president in January. Does that mean we should have hired him on the spot? No.

During the coaching search, Robinson was one of the candidates that I paid close attention to. I would have certainly supported the hire.

But the fact remains that Keno Davis was hired and is the head coach at Providence. How soon do some fans forget that this man is the reigning National Coach of the Year, or that he led a team picked to finish ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference to a 28-5 record, a conference championship, a top 25 ranking, and a trip to the NCAA Tournament? How about the fact that he coached two walk-ons into All-Conference players? Or the fact that he co-authored a book on defense? Davis was and still is qualified for the job and poised to lead this team to success.

Nobody knows for sure how either hire will work out. Ideally both will thrive for many seasons at their respective schools. Both men had limited head coaching experience. Both men were successful. Both men were good choices.

Its time for fans and the media to, at least for now, stop playing arm-chair or lap-top AD. Let's let the games begin, and stop the second-guessing. For once, let's get behind our coach. Give him the chance to succeed or fail, and just let him coach, and then, if we really want to, we can revisit this debate.

# PC Alum Marinatto Named Big East Commissioner

Friars.com reported on Wednesday, Nov. 12, that John Marinatto '79 had been named the next commissioner of the Big East Conference. Marinatto has served as the senior associate commissioner of the Conference since 2002, and previously served as the athletics director at Providence College for 14 years.

During his time at Providence College, Marinatto served in several capacities, including chairman of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Women's Basketball Committee, and Television Committee.

Hewas also an associate director of Alumni/Development and director of Sports Information prior to his tenure as athletics director.

Marinatto will replace current commissioner Mike Tranghese beginning July 1, 2009.

The Big East is one of the premier collegiate conferences in the nation and comprises 17 member universities throughout the United States.

— Compiled by John Butler '11

# HOCKEY: Now 5-5-1

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up to a .500 overall record for the first time since the season commenced.

"Our short-term goal was to get back to .500. If you look at our last eight games, we were (virtually) 10 seconds away from being 6-2 in our last eight games," said Head Coach Bob Deraney, referring to the half-full finish at BU the weekend prior.

"Now we're 5-2-1, and I think it's indicative of how well we're playing. I don't think it's a coincidence. The girls have worked really hard for the last month, trying to perfect their practices. We don't necessarily get instantaneous results, but I think you can see the results of that hard work paying off now."

Momentous, as in presenting some promisingly saturated scoresheets, of which the Friars were a tad lacking in previous weekends.

Normore, who has now played her last six games as a forward, accelerated her most productive stint on the front lines through her two insurance goals on Saturday and two assists the night before. Overall, the two-way connoisseur has a 3-5-8 scoring transcript working for her in the last six games.

Joining Normore in Saturday's not-so-exclusive multi-point club were Veharanta (two goals), Ruff (goal and assist), freshman Ashley Cottrell (three assists), and senior Brittany Simpson

(two assists, both on Normore's goals). Normore's linemate freshman Kate Bacon grabbed a vital goal-assist value pack in Friday's win and sprinkled another helper on Normore's first strike at 14:14 of Saturday's third period.

"We've really been growing the past couple of weeks," said Normore. "And I think we're finally starting to come together and producing a lot more points as a team and a lot more up front."

Granted, though, the tangible productivity was slightly delayed in Game 1 on Friday, inviting a little drama that spilled over to Saturday's tempestuous first period.

The Friars sculpted a slim 2-0 lead over the first 40 minutes of Friday's tussle, outshooting the Colonials, 23-10, in the process.

That's when Robert Morris perked up. Like the Terriers before them, the Colonials heaved 18 shots at the Providence cage in the closing frame, the last eight of them unanswered.

But save for Jacki Gibson's lead-slicing strike with 1:10 to spare, the Friars assertively held their ground.

"When teams are down like that, desperation sets in and they start throwing pucks from all over," said Deraney. "They weren't necessarily quality chances, but Genevieve did come up big in both games to keep the momentum on our side."

"You gotta give Robert Morris credit. They played extremely well. But in turn, I admire how hard our kids worked," said Deraney.

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# Men's and Women's Swim Teams Defeat Montclair

BY ALEXIS SMITH '12 AND  
JOHN BUTLER '11  
SPORTS STAFF

Add another tally to the wins column for the Providence College Men's and Women's Swim Teams. The women earned their first win of the season on Saturday, Nov. 11, by soundly defeating Montclair State with a score of 160-123. Rhode Island, a perennial powerhouse, defeated the women 204-88 at the tri-meet, but that did not obscure the Friars' solid victory.

"I thought we matched up really well," said Friars Head Coach John O'Neill. "Everyone swam very well."

On the men's side, as well, there was reason to be pleased, seeing as the men annihilated Montclair State with a score of 208.5-85.5. The men did not compete against Rhode Island.

"We had a good week of practice coming off a big win against Fairfield," said junior David Wilson. "We had the momentum on our side and we just prepared all week and the results were very good on Saturday."

Senior Lauren Sepe earned a Big East qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:11.20, which was good enough for second place in the event. Similarly, junior Mathew Card's first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly by more than two seconds secured a Big East qualifying time, as well.

The performances of Sepe and Card were microcosms of a meet in which the Friars fared exceptionally well. Sophomore Alexis Fatigati took first place in the women's 200-yard individual medley and grabbed second in the 500-yard freestyle. There was a noticeable Providence presence in the distance events, as Fatigati's work was comple-



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Sophomore Alexis Fatigati recorded a first place finish in the 200-yard individual medley, and a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle on Saturday, Nov. 8.

mented nicely by a 1-2 finish in the 1000-yard freestyle by sophomore Courtney Larcom and junior Rachel Rohner.

And while PC garnered a great deal of points in the individual events, a first place finish by the women's 400-yard freestyle relay team of junior Carrie Lamb, freshman Caroline Caliri, Sepe, and senior Blair Flynn in 3:43.98 showed the extent of Providence's depth.

On the men's side, each event saw a strong Friar contingency compete. Both relay teams fared well, especially the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of freshman Matt Green, senior Ryan Clark, junior Mike Loftis, and Card. Sophomore Greg Cello, freshman

Collin Casciano, senior Justin Rich and Clark swam in the 200-yard medley for second place.

"We definitely had [this meet] marked on our calendars," said Wilson. "We wanted revenge for last year and everyone swam well. There were great times all across the board. Both our men's and women's teams got a win for the first time this year."

Only five meets into the season, the men's and women's teams have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with and that no matter the caliber of the competitors, the Friars will compete to the fullest extent.

"Our team chemistry is very strong," said Wilson, who, though he

will be abroad next semester, will remain with the Friars in heart. "I think it has a lot to do with the way we're swimming this year."

This team camaraderie has led to a peculiar, yet visible sign of team commitment that the men's team has adopted as of late.

"The entire team is growing out what we call 'Novemb-beards,'" said Wilson. "Through the entire month of November, all the males do not shave their beards, and then for the [Saturday, Dec. 5.] Harold Anderson Invitational we're all gonna shave."

Be sure to see these 'Novemb-beards' when Providence returns to action on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Taylor Natatorium at 1:00 p.m. against Bryant.

"We're going to step up and race tough," said O'Neill. "We will shoot for qualifying times and give a good meet."

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## HOOPS: Ready for N'Eastern

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utes," said senior Jeff Xavier. "We didn't do that tonight. [Slippery Rock] played well, they played tough. I think they out-toughed us tonight. Hopefully next week we'll start up for real and everybody will have their A-game."

No one can fault Xavier for a lack of effort, however. Leading the Friars with 21 points (nine of which came from three-pointers) and four steals, Xavier had a great impact in the 19 minutes he played.

Xavier's efforts were complemented nicely by junior Sharaud Curry, who showed noticeable improvements from the previous week's exhibition. With 11 points to his credit, and a definite increase in his willingness to penetrate into the key during his 31 minutes, all signs indicate that the Friars' floor general is in a good position for the start of the season.

"[Curry] is getting better and better," said Davis. "Obviously, I think he wishes he was further along, but when you're out that long and you have that kind of an injury, you're not just gonna come back and be your old self right away. He will continue to improve as the season goes on."

In just two games the Friars have already noticed major differences in Davis' coaching techniques. The Friars are confident that these early-on adjustments will help them get in top shape so that they have the endurance needed to take on the top teams in the Big East later in the season.

"The way [Davis] subs is different, much different, than other coaches. He'll sub in every two, two and half minutes, so guys stay fresh, and it's a great idea," said Xavier. "You play press, and run, and go in there and work hard for two or three minutes and then come out and get a breather and come right back in."

Of course, this style of subbing depends on the depth of the team and the talent off the bench. Thirteen different Friars saw action against Slippery Rock, although senior Jon

Kale was not among these 13, due to the cast on his hand which the referees deemed unacceptable for play.

"It was the same cast that he used in the first exhibition game," said Davis. "It's a shame [that Kale was not allowed to play] because we all need the work. Jon [Kale] needs the work. He was gonna start tonight at the center position off of his practice, off of the last game. He earned that."

And although Kale was missed on the hardwood, the younger members of the Providence squad stepped up to fill the shoes of the seasoned veteran. For instance, sophomore Alex Kellogg and freshman Bilal Dixon both played more than expected, and combined for a total of 12 rebounds. In addition, Dixon scored a monster dunk late in the second half that lifted the Friars to the triple digit point level.

Critical to the big offensive numbers was the play of senior Weyinmi Efejuku. Efejuku put up 19 points and seven rebounds, and was almost perfect from the foul line. Junior Brian McKenzie was close behind Efejuku on the stats sheet with 17 points.

Certainly, the offensive fireworks bode well for the Friars, who will have to put up big numbers if they hope to contend with the best of the Big East, but question marks remain on defense.

"We played all man-to-man defense in our exhibition games just because you can only be as good as you are in your half court man defense," said Davis.

The man-to-man seemed to render Slippery Rock weak for the majority of the game, but a string of six three-pointers late in the second half by Slippery Rock showed that even if the Friars create an impenetrable iron wall around the key, the perimeter must be guarded just as vigilantly.

The team will be put to the test on Saturday, Nov. 15 when the Friars square off against Northeastern for the first game of the regular season. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., at the Dunk.

## SOCCER: On the NCAA Bubble

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for a player to choose to go to UConn, Notre Dame, St. John's, Louisville, or Southern Florida."

The Friars must now wait and see if they will be dancing in the NCAA Tournament.

"That is always our goal," said Daley. "We want to be able to go to the National Tournament, but all we can do is wait to see if we will be practicing next week. We are pleased, but never satisfied and we will build off of this season. We have a great group of guys and this year we have reached our goals. We wanted to be better than .500 both in and out of conference and we were. We played great at home and have had three consecutive winning seasons. We were plagued by injury this year

and still we were in the top half of the conference. This says a lot about the guys on this team and their commitment to this program," said Daley.

Providence will now wait for Monday, Nov. 17, to find out if their season will continue on. The NCAA Tournament field consists of 48 teams and the Friars will be hoping to be one of the bubble teams to receive an at-large bid. The Friars are right there in terms of an RPI ranking, sitting at 46. This is a ranking based on strength of schedule, record, as well as key wins and losses. So, will Providence make the tournament? If you are walking to lower campus next week, look to the soccer field for your answer.

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# Providence Ties Catamounts, Falls to Irish

BY CHRIS MAMMEN '11  
SPORTS STAFF

This weekend the Providence College Men's Hockey Team was left wanting for its first Hockey East win as they hosted two games at Schneider

## MEN'S HOCKEY

Arena going 0-1-1, and dropping to 2-5-1 on the season and 0-4-1 in the league. The Friars lost the second game on Saturday, Nov. 8, to No. 12 Notre Dame, 4-1. On Friday, Nov. 7, the Friars faced off against Vermont and battled through an overtime period to hang on for a 2-2 tie.

Friars Head Coach Tim Army noted that he was looking to make some changes after two consecutive losses, but that there still remains work to be done.

"We made some subtle adjustments to our overall game last week, we were giving up too many goals and our power-play and penalty-kill squads were both too ineffective," said Army. "We are still making some mistakes and the goals this weekend were usually the result of us falling asleep a little bit."

On Saturday the Friars faced a ranked opponent for the first time this season and their night did not end well. Despite competitive play through the first period, the Fighting Irish had built up a 2-0 lead going into the third period when freshman Matt Bergland scored his second goal of the season to cut Notre Dame's lead in half. Junior John Cavanagh and sophomore Ian O'Connor were both credited with assists on Bergland's goal.

That was as close as the Friars would come though, as Notre Dame quickly came back and tacked on two more goals to finish off PC, 4-1. Freshman Justin Gates started for the Friars in the net and tallied 24 saves en route to his third loss of the season.

"Any team is capable of beating you if you don't approach it the right way, and the fact that Notre Dame was No.



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Senior Pierce Norton tallied the Friars' two goals against the Vermont Catamounts on Saturday, Nov. 8.

12 didn't change anything for us," said Cavanagh. "We still prepared the same way and watched video—made some adjustments if we thought we needed, but ultimately if you take any team lightly at all, they can beat you."

On Friday night the Friars fared better when they hosted the Vermont Catamounts in their fifth Hockey East game of the season. The teams skated to a 0-0 tie in the first period, but in the second, the Catamounts broke it open with a shorthanded goal followed just

1:27 later by a power-play goal, and the Friars found themselves in a 2-0 hole.

Senior Pierce Norton started the rally on a power play with just over four minutes left in the second when he took a feed from senior Matt Taormina and rifled a one-timer past the Vermont goalie. In the third period Norton again took advantage of the power play, this time taking a feed from Bergland, to even up the score at 2-2, which after one overtime period was how it ended.

"We've got to approach each day as a different day and just keep trying, keep getting after it and pick out the positives," said O'Connor, whose optimism was shared by the rest of the team. "We made great strides this weekend trying to put together 60 solid minutes and this weekend we are looking to build on that."

"We are still close enough and early enough for us to strike, and this weekend we played our two best back-to-back games," said Army, who knows the Friars have plenty of time to bounce back.

"So we just have to keep working on what we have been working on, hope for the best and get ready for the long-haul over the next three months," he said.

The Friars will look to capitalize on their improvements and end a four game winless streak on Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15, when they host the University of Maine at 7:00 p.m. each night at Schneider Arena.

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## Volleyball Team Wraps Up Regular Season

BY JOHN BUTLER '11  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Providence College Volleyball Team concluded the regular season with two home games this past week. On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Friars suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of in-state rival Rhode Island. Senior Day was held on Saturday, Nov. 8, and a stellar 3-1 thrashing of Quinnipiac was a fine way to send out the Friars' five seniors.

The Friars now stand at 15-16, a grand finish to a season that saw a number of records shattered by the Friar playing corps. Last night was no different.

Seniors Jeanette Toney and Sara Sheehan moved into fourth and fifth place, respectively, on the Providence all-time games played list. Toney also recorded eight kills and 11 digs.

Senior Kelly Krahenbuhl notched 23 digs against Rhode Island, elevating her career total to 1,319 digs. This performance came following a record-setting weekend for the defensive specialist.

"It was a great weekend for us," said Friars Head Coach Margot Royer. "The seniors played well, and there were a lot of fans and parents that came out to support us, so it was a good atmosphere. We played how we wanted to play."

Indeed, the seniors led the charge thanks to Krahenbuhl's on-target play. Krahenbuhl notched a career-high 36 digs against Quinnipiac, which moved her into fifth place on Providence's all-time digs list.

"[Krahenbuhl] is the leader of our defense," said Royer. "She is the person I want behind the serving line with the game on the line. She goes for everything aggressively and . . . has a desire for defense."

Toney added eight more digs and 12 kills on Senior Day, while senior Elizabeth Flynn



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO

Senior Kelly Krahenbuhl is now in fifth place on the Friars' all-time digs list.

had 15 kills. Sheehan had 35 assists, and classmate Aida Cadres followed up with 14 digs.

Providence has had Quinnipiac's number all season, as the Friars have trounced the Bobcats three times in the 2008 campaign, each time in decisive fashion. Providence's five seniors, and their combined experience has been a major factor contributing to the Friars' success this season.

The Friars will compete in the National Independent Tournament on Friday, Nov. 21 in Orem, Utah, but the specifics of seedings and opponents have yet to be determined. Given the Friars' relatively strong RPI rankings, it is likely that Providence will enjoy a higher seed when the schedule is determined this coming weekend.





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The Cowl Sports Staff

**Will free agent Jason Varitek return behind the plate for the Red Sox next season, or will Boston's captain be calling games elsewhere?**

Jason Varitek has been with the Red Sox organization for his entire 11-year career, serving as the team's captain since 2005. He was an integral part of the 2004 and 2007 World Series teams, but as he approaches age 37, his time with the Red Sox may be up. Although he can still call a good game behind the plate, his production at the plate has dropped off dramatically. His average of .220 is the lowest of his career and his 43 RBIs are the lowest in a season in which he played at least 100 games.

Another issue standing in the way is agent Scott Boras. Boras is infamous for demanding "too much" for his clients, making teams go through a grueling negotiation process. The Red Sox may not be willing to meet the demands of Boras, who is asking for a contract similar to the one Yankees catcher Jorge Posada received last offseason. A four-year contract in excess of \$13 million per year is simply too much to pay for an aging catcher, even for a big market team like Boston. Unless Varitek negotiates with the Red Sox behind Boras' back, a la Alex Rodriguez, or he accepts a pay cut, then it is highly unlikely he will return.

Who might the Red Sox pursue as a replacement? Their farm system doesn't have a major league ready catcher, so the most viable options will come via free agents or a trade. The Red Sox can go short term by signing or trading for a veteran catcher like Pudge Rodriguez or Bengie Molina, or they can try to trade for a younger, long-term option. The Texas Rangers have two above-average catchers, Gerald Laird and Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who they would be willing to trade because of the stud catching prospect in their minor league system.

- Chris Crawford '10

Many questions loom large for the Boston Red Sox this offseason. This includes the fate of free agent catcher Jason Varitek, a regular behind the plate since 1998. Although Varitek's numbers have slid considerably since his career years in 2004 and 2005, expect the Red Sox captain to be back in Boston's starting lineup come April.

For Varitek to have a chance of resigning anywhere, let alone in Boston, he will have to take a substantial pay cut from his current \$10.4 million salary. Despite limping to the finish of the season with a .220 batting average and only 43 RBIs, Varitek has not finished making noise in baseball. The simple fact is the man can still catch. Defensively, Varitek has not tailed off and in 2008, he boasted a .996 fielding percentage, committing only 4 errors in 949 total chances. Varitek also brings crucial intangibles to the field which go well beyond the box score. He has had great success calling games and has been working with most of Boston's pitching staff for years.

If the Red Sox are looking to replace Varitek, it is essential to evaluate other free agents. Unfortunately for Boston, the 2008 market for catchers isn't too promising, looking more like a retirement community than a group of baseball players. Varitek, at age 36, is the seventh youngest out of sixteen free agent catchers. Of those, the talent level is mediocre at best, including journeymen catchers such as Paul Bako, Gregg Zaun, and Sal Fasano. The youngest player on that list happens to be another Red Sox free agent, late season call-up David Ross, who played most of the year with Cincinnati before being signed by Boston in August. Due to deficient talent in the free agent market the Red Sox will likely re-sign Varitek to a two or three year contract, which will have him finishing up his career at Fenway Park.

- Anthony Valentino '09

## Friars Fall to Syracuse in Big East Semi's

BY MOLLIE QUINN '09  
SPORTS EDITOR

Another notable season for the Providence College Field Hockey Team has passed, but unfortunately for the Friars, history has repeated itself. For the past three years the Friars have competed in the Big East tournament. This season the Friars entered the tournament as the number four seed, but once again were not able to overcome their opponent in the Big East semifinal contest.

The semifinal game took place on Saturday, Nov. 8, in Storrs, Conn. and pitted the 4th ranked Friars against 3rd ranked Syracuse. Syracuse dominated the Big East during the regular season and had previously defeated Providence, 4-2, in September. Despite their underdog status, the Friars still felt confident that they were capable of an upset.

The match got off to a hot start, remaining highly competitive in the first half. The Orange got on the board first as Maggie Befort knocked home a rebound off a penalty corner just 4:04 into the game. However, the Friars came back strong to regain control of the game's momentum. Providence tied the score, 1-1, at 12:32, mark off a penalty corner option. Senior Jessica Lane ripped a shot into the back of the cage off a feed from junior Adrienne Marois. It marked Lane's third goal of the season.

Solid defense has been a component of the Friars all season, and in the first half the PC defense delivered positive results. Unfortunately, Syracuse matched Providence's defensive intensity, managing to take 11 shots in the first half. And again, the Orange took the lead. The score was 2-1 heading into halftime as a result of a direct shot off a penalty corner with just 2:21 left in the first half.

"We had our moments, just not enough," said head coach Diane Madl. "Unfortunately we were not able to sustain our momentum long enough."

In the second half, Syracuse came out strong, and the Friars were not able to stop the Orange. In the 48th minute of play Syracuse deflected the ball into the cage off a free hit situation.

"In the second half, we never really got back in the game, and to their credit Syracuse played a very tough game," said Madl. Junior goalkeeper, Rachel Chamberlain



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFO  
Senior Jessica Lane scored the lone Friar goal on Saturday, Nov. 8.

finished the day with 10 saves.

"[Chamberlain] had a solid season and has been an integral part of the team ever since she came to the program," said Madl. "As the backbone of the defense—a lot of credit is owed to her."

After their victory on Saturday, Syracuse went on to capture the conference title on Sunday. Despite losing 3-1, the Friars still established themselves as contenders in the Big East.

"The loss was obviously disappointing for us," said Madl. "However, just making it to the tournament and having the opportunity to compete against such a high ranked team like Syracuse is an achievement."

Of course, there is always hope for next year as the Friars will look to continue their success, and possibly even take it one step further. In the spring, the Friars will be getting back to basics and will focus on improving their tactical skills.

Although the team will be graduating four seniors, Madl feels that they have made lasting contributions that have impacted the younger classes.

"The underclassmen have definitely learned a lot from the seniors and are in a great position to step up and fill the void," said Madl.

With the fate of the Providence College Field Hockey program in the hands of Coach Madl, Friar fans have nothing to worry about, as there will be plenty of future success.

## Here's to Your Health: Facts on Eating Disorders

BY CASEY REUTEMANN '09  
SPORTS STAFF

Right now, someone, somewhere is feeling self-conscious about something. Hair is too curly. Eyes are too brown. Not tall enough. Fat. It is an unfortunate reality to which many can relate. We have each willfully stared at our two-dimensional counterpart—in mirrors, in windows, in photos—and yearned to see something that we deem more attractive. For many, however, the train stops here; rationality prevails and they keep on going with a centered perspective, despite occasional inhibition pit-stops.

For others, this fixation on distorted reflections constitutes cause for breakdown. For them, body image issues prove an often impassible barricade to daily life. Unfortunately, the battle against themselves goes unacknowledged due to lack of understanding, resources and/or support. These silent sufferers could be sitting next to you in Civ class, could be standing behind you in Jazzman's, or could be you.

The confines of this column limit the ability to clearly convey the emotional minefields or thoroughly educate the reader, the friend, the sufferer on the intricacies of disordered eating and

body image distortion. Let me at least say this: the stigma must be shattered.

Body image issues and related disorders cannot be narrowly defined by clinical terms and stringent symptomatic criteria. Regardless of the diagnosis—bulimic, anorexic, compulsive, or disordered eating—this illness consumes the lives of all those it touches.

Despite body image issues being cited as the manifestation of our society's unhealthy association of appearance with personal worth, there has been little done to debunk the assumptions that continue to stigmatize their victims. Read on, and take a small step in the right direction.

**Myth:** Eating Disorders are all about vanity. Very false. By nature, an eating disorder is the outward manifestation of a deep, inner struggle. In many cases it is an (albeit harmful) coping mechanism. A much needed source of distraction; a vehicle of communication for those unable to verbally express their pain. Each individual is different, however, and regardless of the details of their condition, it is universally true that vanity is not the root of their problems.

**Myth:** Those who suffer from eating disorders are too obstinate to accept help. Though it is true that denial often plays a major role in an individual's battle with body image issues, miscon-

struing this for stubbornness is a dangerous mistake. As difficult as it is to handle someone who seems so inflexible, as much as they may imply otherwise, companionship is crucial for those who suffer. Would you care less for your brother who is overtly frustrated with the difficulty of using crutches for a broken ankle? No. Losing faith in someone close to you who struggles with body image issues is not only senseless, but, in many cases, it can be construed in their minds as abandonment. Loneliness often feeds this disease, so think twice before giving up on someone.

**Myth:** Eating disorders only impact young, Caucasian women. False. This disease is far from discriminatory. Despite the existence of erroneous stereotypes, men and women of all shapes, sizes and colors are touched by eating disorders. Contrary to popular belief, people of different ethnic backgrounds are in some cases even more susceptible to developing body image issues as a result of the conflict between maintaining cultural definition of beauty and conforming to American ideals.

Whether it's your sister, your roommate, your second cousin twice removed, or yourself, eating disorders and body image distortion will impact everyone somehow, sometime. Yes, it's

that widespread. Its presence may continue to grow exponentially in this society. You may in the future, if you haven't already, witness firsthand the tragedy of its destruction. You may not have the power to eradicate it. You are not, however, helpless.

Together, awareness and understanding can prove invaluable in this battle. The first step is to acknowledge that an eating disorder/body image distortion is a disease. Just because it is rooted in the psychological realm, doesn't mean it isn't as volatile and painful as any other illness.

If someone you know struggles with body image, make yourself available to support, learn and understand, not to judge. If you suffer, open yourself up to the solace of companionship and the possibility of professional help. Both are difficult tasks, yet crucial, not only to individual recovery, but to the hope that someday everyone's reflection in the mirror will be seen for what it is: two dimensional, but still beautiful.

Take the next step towards awareness: Please attend the Wellness Seminar on Eating Disorders and Body Image Awareness Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Slavin G01 to hear personal accounts and gain useful knowledge on how to handle this problem.



## Providence Earns Second Exhibition Win

BY MOLLIE QUINN '09  
AND JOHN BUTLER '11  
SPORTS EDITORS

The Providence College Men's Basketball Team has hurdled the first of its major obstacles by securing an undefeated preseason record after aptly defeating Slippery Rock on Saturday, Nov. 8, with a score of 105-84.

MEN'S  
HOOPS

Although the Friars were slow out of the gate, they established a nine point lead by the mid-mark of the first period and never looked back. There was a noticeable improvement in the level of play from the first period to the second, with the Friars bettering their numbers considerably in field goal, three-point, and free-throw percentages.

"One of our focuses coming in was that we needed to shoot more free throws than we did against our first exhibition opponent in Ottawa," said Providence Head Coach Keno Davis. "I think you saw that: more aggression going to the basket with some better moves."

Indeed, the Friars did utilize a more intense style of play, but there remains work to be done as the commencement of the regular season draws near.

"We have to play tougher 40 min-  
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## Sports Boss: ProJo's Poll Damaging?

BY RYAN HOLT '09  
SPORTS STAFF

Well, I guess the honeymoon is over for Keno Davis. A recent *Providence Journal* article by Bill Reynolds discussed former Brown, and current

OPINION

Oregon State coach Craig Robinson's rise through the coaching ranks. Robinson, for those of you who don't know, has a famous brother-in-law, President-elect Barack Obama. Robinson was a dark-horse candidate in PC's coaching search earlier this year.

While the article was positive toward Robinson, it led the paper to a new poll question: Was it a mistake for PC not to hire Robinson and go with Keno Davis?

Then, a week before that, there was a story which revisited the coaching search and confirmed what most observers of the program already knew, that the administration did have some talks with former PC and current Louisville coach Rick Pitino. These talks obviously did not lead to his hiring or even to a public offer.

Here's my question for the *ProJo*: Why are you asking this? Why is this being discussed now? This is a conversation for April, not November. The search and its initial aftermath are over. The time to analyze and agonize over who the school talked to, who they offered to, who said no, and who finally signed is over. We all knew the speculation, we all knew the rumors. That time has passed.

Now that the season is about to begin we need to put the focus on the games ahead, not who is coaching them. All this talk over whether or not

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## Winning Weekend for Skaters

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Production-wise and statement-wise, the wrathfully rally-minded Robert Morris Colonials were at their best in the opening frame of Part II in their two-game series with the Providence College Women's Hockey team last Saturday.

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One official period and less than 24 hours after they had pulled a BU Terrier and heaved 18 last—ditch shots at the Friar net, only to convert once on their final bid, the Colonials planted two early leads (1-0 and 2-1) courtesy of Kristen Miles and Sara O'Malley before eight minutes had reeled off the clock.

But the likes of freshman Laura Veharanta kept pace with that, single-handedly abolishing both deficits with her team-best ninth and 10th goals of the season at the 5:19 and 8:36 marks. From there on out freshman goaltender Genevieve Lacasse—who had bolstered a 3-1 triumph the night before—stabilized to push away 18 more RMU shots while sophomore Alyse Ruff and senior Erin Normore (twice) tuned the Colonial cage, piloting the Friars to a 5-2 victory and a momentous weekend sweep.

Momentous, as in PC's improving to 3-0-1 in its last four ventures. Momentous, as in the Friars' posting their first pair of back-to-back victories this season—both of them backstopped by the out-of-the-blue goaltender Lacasse, who improved



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Senior Erin Normore had two assists against Robert Morris on Friday, Nov. 7 which were key in the Friars' 3-1 victory.

to 4-3-0 in her young career.

"It was good to get back in the net after a week out (of game action)," said Lacasse, who together with senior Danielle Ciarletta, has yet to authorize more than three opposing goals in a sin-

gle game. "It certainly gives a lot of confidence to the team and for me personally to win two games in a row."

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## Friars Lose Heartbreaker to St. John's

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The Providence College Men's Soccer Team was defeated at St John's this past Saturday, Nov. 8, at Belson Stadium in Queens, N.Y. The first half was as even as a match could be as neither team broke away from the scoreless deadlock. The

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Friars' first chance of the game came when senior Ryan Maduro took a pass from Tim Ritter and put his shot just over the Red Storm net in the sixth minute. But it was freshman John Raley who took the Friars' best chance of the half as his 35-yard shot deflected off the top crossbar in the 28th minute.

In the 30th minute, Maduro fed junior Brian Minogue and gave him an opportunity for his second goal in the tournament, but the shot went just wide of the net. In the second half, freshman Chris Stoker got the Friars going in the 47th minute after taking a shot that was deflected deep into Red Storm territory. Matt Marcin tried to take advantage of the loose ball off the deflection but his shot was pushed out by the St. John's defense. Then in the 58th minute, Maduro and Ritter attempted to put the Friars ahead when Maduro sent Ritter a high cross which was headed in on the goalkeeper but managed to punch the ball out over the net. The final chance at regulation came when Marcin took two consecutive corner kicks in the 82nd minute. On both attempts, the ball was headed wide of the net by Ritter.

The Red Storm put the game away in overtime as redshirt sophomore Tadeu Terra eluded the Friar defense and took a 10-yard shot into the bottom right corner for the 1-0 victory past goalkeeper Tim Murray, who recorded four saves on the day. The Red Storm improve to 15-1-3 and move on to the semifinals this Friday, Nov. 14. The Friars now stand at 9-7-3,



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Senior Ryan Maduro had two shots in the Friar's loss to St. John's on Saturday, Nov. 8. Maduro nearly scored in the sixth minute, but his shot was slightly high.

including a 5-5-1 record in Big East play.

"We played extremely well against St. John's. I thought we were evenly matched and we both had scoring chances," said Friars' Head Coach Chaka Daley. "What it came down to was we both had five good chances throughout the match. When St. John's took their sixth chance, they won. I think we are right there with St. John's. We have played two best road performances this year against St. John's."

Providence has certainly shown that they can compete with St. John's, as the Friars fell to the Red Storm earlier in the season by the same score of 1-0.

"There isn't much that separates us

from them or the other top teams in the Big East like Connecticut, Notre Dame, Louisville, and Southern Florida," said Daley. "These are football schools and they bring in more money and yet we have the talent and we are building something special here at Providence. There is so much happening on campus and the excitement is great. We are still a program on the horizon and when we accomplish something, it's history. We are continuing to get better and build a solid program. Providence is in the discussion when it comes to recruits and it is no longer automatic

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